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Typical rural scene to be found in the British Mission area.

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Introducing
The British Mission

By Norinne Callister

★ The British Mission is a cradle of modern Israel. It is almost as if the Lord has held Britain in His hands. In an otherwise darkened world, He prepared its people to receive the Gospel; and when liberty and industry and religious reformation had been established here, He whispered to His prophet: "Let my servant Heber go to England and proclaim my Gospel and open the door of salvation to that nation."

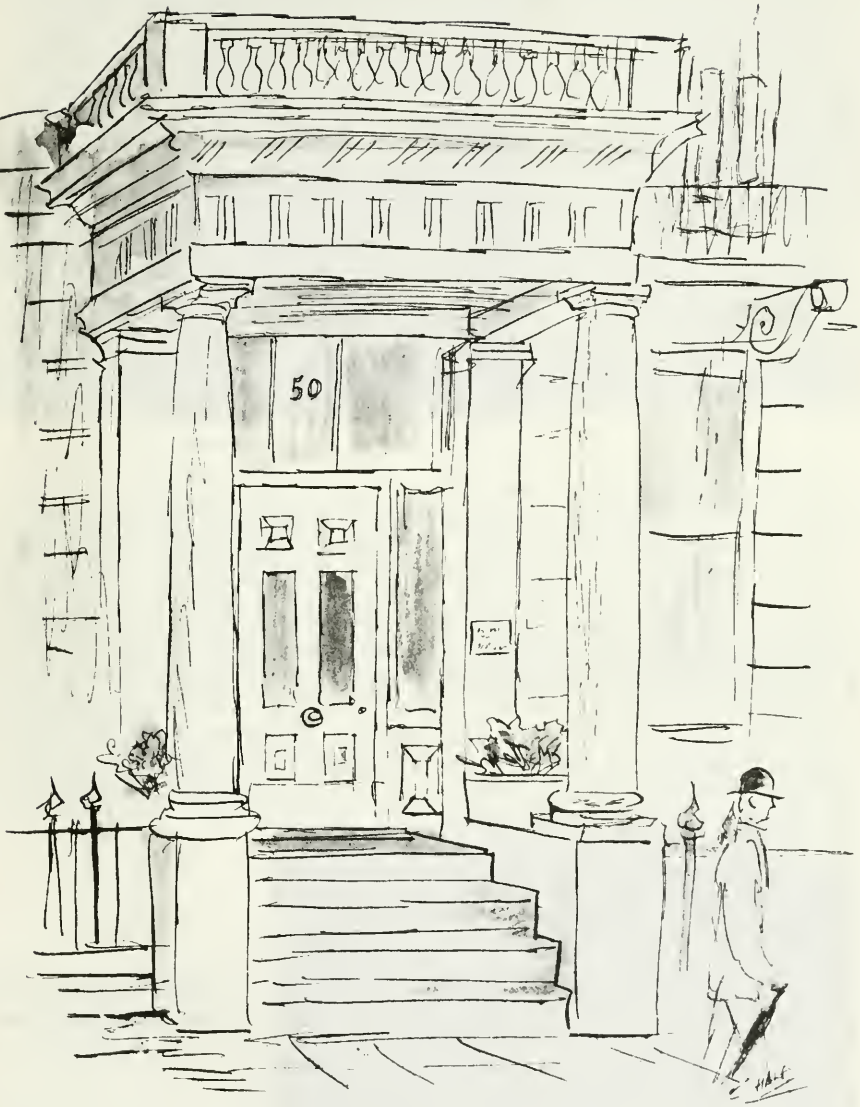
The man the Lord had called was Heber C. Kimball; an apostle. Penniless, he came with Orson Hyde, Willard Richards, Joseph Fielding and three other missionaries to England. When they arrived, they met in councils of prayer, pleading with the Lord to bless their labours—they received inspiration to continue to Preston, Lancashire. It was July 22, 1837 when they went. As their coach entered the town where they would first declare the Gospel to this land, they saw an election banner in the street and joyfully accepted it as an omen. It said: "Truth Will Prevail." "Amen," they cried, "Truth will prevail!"

Elder Fielding's brother was a minister in Preston. Through the mail he had heard of the Restoration and with his congregation had been praying for the messengers who would come and teach them on Sunday, the next day. So, in Vauxhall Chapel at 3 p.m., Elder Kimball rose before an unusually large gathering and declared "that an angel had visited the earth and committed the everlasting Gospel to man." "Glory to God!" his hearers exclaimed.

The elders kept preaching, that evening and the next Wednesday, until the Reverend Fielding realized that the believers would soon leave his congregation. But the Restoration had already been declared and the first baptisms set for the following Sunday. It was agreed that Elder Kimball should baptize in the River Ribble not far from Preston

The night before the baptism Elder Isaac Russell, who had accompanied them, came running to the third-story room of Elder Kimball and Elder Hyde, crying for their prayers on his behalf, for he was so tormented by evil spirits that he "could not live" unless relieved. The brethren laid hands on Elder Russell's head and rebuked the devil. While Elder Kimball spoke he was struck senseless to the floor by an unseen power. He was in great agony when he recovered, but managed to pray: and as he did a vision opened to them all, and they beheld legions of evil spirits attacking them desperately.

Despite the horror of the experience and his weakness from it, Elder Kimball baptised nine individuals the following morning before over 7,000 people who had gathered on the banks to watch. In later years he asked Joseph Smith if they had lived wrongly to have warranted the demonic attack. "No," the Prophet replied, "when I heard of it, it gave me great joy, for then I knew that the work of



Drawing of British Mission Home

Pres. and Sister Reed Callister at time of his appointment as London Mission president.

the Lord had taken root in that land."

So it had. Calls came from everywhere to preach, but the Elders could not fill them all. By Christmas day, there were two dozen branches flourishing, and they met in the famous Preston "Cockpit" for the first British Mission Conference.

James Mulliner and Alexander Wright introduced the Gospel to Scotland in the middle of the 1839 winter. Each had joined the Church there and emigrated to America, where they were called to return. Elder Mulliner stopped in Edinburgh to see his parents and begin systematic proselyting. Elder Wright went further North, to where his family lived, in a memorable episode of courage. No boats operated that season: so he, poorly fed and clothed, walked all the way, sleeping some of the nights in the icy open. He was repeatedly troubled by an illness, which a chemist diagnosed; he had smallpox. He detained only two days and then continued, bearing testimony on the way. And, strangely, when he arrived at his former home, he was completely well!

Mission home staff with Pres. and Sister Callister.

Parliament and Big Ben along the Thames in London.

Elder Mulliner baptised the first Scottish family on January 14, 1840 and five days later, at the confirmation service, received the gift of tongues—divine approbation of the Gospel beginnings in Scotland. By the time Orson Pratt arrived in May, Scotland had 80 Latter-day Saints. The morning after he first saw Edinburgh he did a remarkable thing. He climbed a jutting hill not far away—some still remember it as "Pratt's Hill"—and importuned the Lord to give him 200 souls in baptism. Then he worked. When, six months later, he attended the mission conference in Manchester, he reported over 250 Church members in the Edinburgh-Glasgow area.

Then the apostles came—ultimately eight were here at once. They left their homes scarcely well enough to walk or with destitute families—sometimes both. John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff came first, three days before the Scottish

Pres. and Sister Callister with daughter, Susan.

baptism, and Elder Taylor stayed to work in Liverpool. He addressed a congregation there that had believed. Their name was Cannon; and they were the parents of George Q. Cannon, who was first counselor to three Church presidents, and the progenitors of a great Latter-day Saint posterity.

Elder Taylor later opened the mission in Ireland. His first day there he rode from one town to another with a Mr. Thomas Tate, and prophesied that he would be the first person baptised there. They were on foot the next day, Mr. Tate listening to the apostles expound the Gospel. A testimony seized him just as they came over a hill and saw a lake below. As in the eighth chapter to Acts, he exclaimed, "see, here is water—what doth hinder me to be baptised?" Nothing hindered him. Elder Taylor stayed just 10 days, and yet saw baptisms before leaving. Others carried on and in a few months there were 30 members in Ireland.

After that, Elder Taylor opened the Isle of Man, from where the Cannons originally came. It was an exciting opening, treated in the daily press. Citizens were either for or against and came in force to Elder Taylor's public meetings. Soon there was a thriving branch there. One night he talked to a family and their friends until late and baptised and confirmed them right then, for they refused to wait until morning. From the Isle of Man also came the Cowleys, Quayles, Lamberts, and many other families whose stock had been stalwart in the Church.

Elder Woodruff was sent to the Potteries, an area in North Staffordshire. He proselyted six weeks, preaching and baptising, when, during an evening the Lord's voice said, "This is the last meeting that you will hold with these people for many days," The next morning he prayed secretly to know what the Lord required and was told to go South; many people awaited the Gospel there.

Those who have visted John Benbow's farm know that only divine guidance could have led Elder Woodruff to that obscure place. Even today, with highways and detailed maps, it is difficult to find. Yet he walked 26 miles, slept, rode 35 miles on a coach and walked another 15 miles and at last was moved to call at the home of a wealthy farmer, John Benbow. It turned out to be the meeting place for an independent Church group 600 strong—45 of whom were licensed preachers

Elders of Hyde Park Chapel, Smith, Hansen, DeWett (district leader), Jensen, Gurney and Futter.

—called the "United Brethren." Elder Woodruff declared to the man who welcomed him that he had "been sent to him by the commandment of God . . . to preach the Gospel of life."

He preached on the farm and elsewhere in the village, baptising all but one of the 600 United Brethren. A certain irate rector dispatched the constable to arrest Elder Woodruff; and afterwards he volunteered for baptism. Then the rector sent his two clerks to spy. They volunteered also. In all, over 1,800 souls were baptised in the small pond that still stands on Benbow Farm.

By April, 1840, eight apostles, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Orson and Parley Pratt, George A. Smith and Willard Richards, were in Britain. The full mission organisation was instituted and the Millennial Star was begun. In spite of the growing opposition, there were more and more baptisms; and at the mission conference 2,500 members and 80 branches were reported.

Missionaries from America had success in Wales, but it took a native Welshman to do great things there. When Joseph Smith first saw Dan Jones, he stepped up to him and said "God bless this little man " Dan joined the Church and was one who accompanied the Prophet to Carthage Jail. As the apprehension of doom grew oppressive, Joseph asked him, "Are you afraid to die?" Dan Jones said that engaged in such a cause death wouldn't have many terrors. "You will see Wales," said the Prophet, "and fulfill the mission appointed you before you die."

Dan Jones' feats in Wales are legendary. They are due not to his smallness nor to his high, excited voice, but simply to his extraordinary enthusiasm for testifying of the Restoration and the prophet he loved. Little more than a year passed before he reported twenty-eight branches and 678 members in Wales. To reply to charges made against him about this time by leading citizens of Merthyr Tydfil, he was given audience in a town assembly. Before he finished, everyone, including the police sergeant and the "big mobs who had signed the petition" against him, were weeping! That was what Dan Jones was like.

He wrote thousands of pages of pamphlets, published a magazine in Welsh, worked so energetically that when he left in early 1849 he reported twelve districts, 100 branches, 4,645 members, all in Wales!

Inspiring stories of the British Mission don't stop with these auspicious beginnings, but space prevents the telling of more. But all the events of the great era that began here in 1837 led up to a single, glorious climax; the dedication of the London Temple. In many ways it was the combination of all the missionary labours done here since Heber C. Kimball and his party docked at Liverpool.

Not only can a vast core of the Church membership trace its ancestry back to Britain, but all of its presidents, except Joseph Smith, and many of its apostles laboured here. This has been a training ground for great men. Beside the Church presidents, a few whose names are familiar today are Charles W. Penrose, George E. Richards, Orson Whitney, James E. Talmage, John A. Widtsoe, Joseph F. Merrill, Joseph Fielding Smith, Ezra Taft Benson, Richard L. Evans and Hugh B. Brown.

The British Mission is the oldest and largest mission in the Church; many think our calling here the choicest in the world because of the heritage our missionary predecessors left to us.

North London Elders, Cluff, Young, Dunn, Stanton, Adams, Treu, Weight, Anderson, Lowe, Platt, McBride, Brundage.

South London Elders, from left, back, Nolan Adams, Dennis Jensen Rex Dunkley, David Andrews, Charles Gubler, Paul Richardson, Dennis Randall.

London Elders, Longstroth, Atwood, Waters, Deschamps, Brown, Perkins, Andersen; Duncan, Landonatter, Hendershot.

★ There have been many successful evenings with investigators in the chapels throughout the British Mission with the Missionary Variety Show, "Swing into Spring." One evening alone had 126 investigators. Many referrals have been obtained as a result of this special musical presentation.

Elder Harkness, one of Variety Show singers.

Elder Van Alstyne, organist for the mission.

Elder Bobo, variety show.

Elder Cook, vocalist.

Elders Layton and Bryson using street board in Brentwood.
Nearly 100 street boards have been constructed in the British Mission for use of each team of elders. Elders spend at ieast 10 hours per week with their boards on the streets and are finding many interested people. These boards are light and can be easily carried without the use of vans. The large picture features ruins found in Mexico.

British Mission

Greenwich Elders, from left, back, Ralph Dunkley, Mike Crapo, Dale Fowler, Douglas Hymas, Clayton Hiatt, James Crockett, John Stroud, Carey Quick. Front, Phil Adamson, (district leader), John Callister, Robert Tesch, Wayne Stott.

Mary Elisabeth Ellis, Mission staff receptionist.

Elders of Rochester, Ytes, Fries, Hansen, Jolley, Rieske, Howard, Merrill (district leader) Wheeler, Watts, Baumann.

FAITH

by James Crockett Elder, British Mission

★ Faith is an element that cannot be transplanted from one person to another. So-called environmental catalysts also prove to have little or no effect on this most basic of gospel principles. Each individual must discover, nurture, and harvest that seed of faith that God has planted within all mankind. There are no simple answers or easy roads to developing one's faith. It does not come instantly, but is constructed stone upon stone. Faith can only grow by constant, conscious application of the basic principles and commandments laid down by the Saviour. One cannot gain faith from another's testimony, but must be the sole designer, builder, and occupant of his building of faith. Even miracles do not tend to make one's faith grow. A miraculous experience may reinforce and cement the testimony one already has, but it will not expand it. The Saviour realized this principle when He said that miracles are for those that believe. They would be of little benefit to those non-believers who beheld them. Only when one realizes that he must depend on no one but himself, and starts to work for the building up of his own individual resource of faith, can one fully understand and appreciate how basic and essential this first principle of the gospel really is.

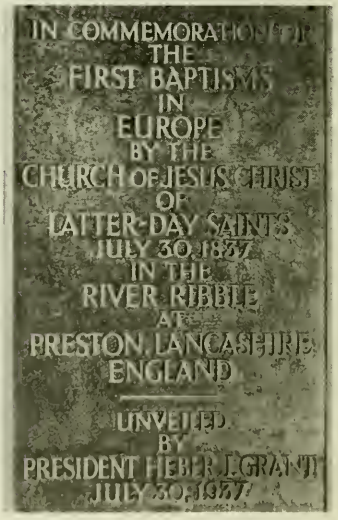
A TESTIMONY

by John Callister Elder, British Mission

★ "I know that it's true!" Quite a statement to hear, but even more so to be able to truthfully utter.

Since coming on my mission I have gained a personal understanding of the importance of the Gospel like I've never had before. I have learned what it really menas to have a testimony and conviction of your own and not have to rely upon someone else's. I often times wondered how a person could be so dedicated to the Church or even how they could know for sure the things that they professed to know in a testimony meeting.

Fourteen months have brought me to the first important step in my life: that of gaining a personal testimony of the gospel and catching a glimpse of the magnitude and importance it should play in one's life. My personal aspirations in life have changed inasmuch as the Gospel is now second to nothing else. Call it dedication if you like; but it will always remain as such. The testimony that I have gained has been built upon by the many choice experiences that I have had. I am so thankful to my Father in Heaven for the opportunity I have had of serving Him and my fellow men. I love to share the gospel and my testimony with others; far beyond any shadow of a doubt: "I know that it's true."



Plaque unveiled at 100th anniversary of first missionaries arriving in England.

What Has Your Religion Given The World?

CAREY L. QUICK,
WAYNE W. STOTT
Elders, British Mission

★ What does your church offer the world? This is a question often whispered by soul-searching, unsatisfied people in the world. In their quest for the truth, sincere seekers are constant ly and hopefully looking for that church which contains and offers within its PEOPLE, TEACHINGS, and ORGANISATION the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Have you ever stopped to take the time to analyze your church? Have you questioned yourself; just why am I a Mormon? What does Mormonism offer me that differs from all other churches? What effect does this religion have upon my family and friends? As a missionary, I have this opportunity often. My companion and myself while teaching the Gospel to other people, find ourselves in the position to analyze and produce what we feel the Mormon Church has to offer. Perhaps an outline of some of the outstanding incidents and doctrines of Mormonism will aid in answering this question.

One of the most outstanding testimonies of the steadfastness of the early Mormon pioneers was their 1,300 mile trek across the U.S. from Nauvoo, Illinois, to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Approximately 85,000 pioneers made the long trek to Salt Lake City between 1847 and 1869. Many of the pioneers walked the entire distance pulling or pushing handcarts. The lack of food, clothing and shelter left many children, wives and husbands in shallow graves along the trail. Why did they do it? Why would so many fight and die for a principle? For them, their question was answered. They had found the truth and would do anything to keep from losing it.

Free agency is a very important doctrine in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In effect, it is the ability and freedom to choose good or evil. It is an eternal principle, thus it has existed with God from all eternity. Our freedom is one of our most valuable possessions. Perhaps this was the reason why pioneers would withstand such tribulation.

As members of the Church we have within our possessions more scripture, (the Book of Mormon) more revelation, and more knowledge of eternal questions than any other church in the world. Having the most complete knowledge, gives us added testimonies that God lives, Jesus is the Christ, and the Bible is true. In John 16:2-3 the Lord talks to His apostles just prior to His crucifixion. He explains to them that He is being killed because "They have not known the Father nor me."

This could be the reason for the great number of churches in the world today. Because of the great variety in understanding God and the scriptures, there are many interpretations, and thus many denominations. Through modern day revelation, we have no need to live from past knowledge and experience alone. It is a wonderful promise to know that God will reveal His will to us daily.

The Church encompasses many more doctrines and programmes to help its members benefit to the utmost while they are here on the earth. As missionaries, we have come to love and re-

spect the teachings of the Church. Only through the application of Christ's principles can we find the true joy of living in knowledge. This Church has has given the world a new light. Through the goals of unity peace, goodwill, love and eternal perfection, the strength to provide any family or community direction for good is inevitable. The Gospel of Christ has meaning only to the individual who is totally convinced of its truthfulness, or to those who are totally commited through an undying conviction.

We share our testimonies with you, that this Gospel is true, it is the only living Church on the face of this earth. And this is made possible through the Holy Priesthood of God, once again restored and entrusted to God's children.

Inspiration for the poem, "Nearly Two" printed below.

NEARLY TWO
Marion Kitsell, Gravesend Branch

He's broken a glass, he's dirtied his face;
He's littered his toys all over the place,
He's turned off the oven — he's turned on the grill;
He's climbed on the chair and from there to the sill:
He's hidden the cloth, he's torn up a book —
There's turmoil and chaos wherever I look.
He's turned on the tap, got hold the matches —
He's fixing the plug and undoing the catches —
He's driven me frantic . . . but what matters this,
When he climbs on my knee to give me a kiss?

Map of districts in British Mission.

Elders of Dover, Myers (district leader), House, Jerman, Wall Golbraith, Sant, Blair, Golbraith, Cooke, Hokes.

South Kent District

★ SOUTH KENT — Chalk cliffs, downs and quiet villages. Also includes the beautiful Canterbury Cathedral village, and white cliffs of Dover.

★ "We were baptised 6th of October, 1962 and from that day I have never looked back and I thank God for those young men who called at our door."

—Michael Fagg
South Kent District President

★ Michael Fagg has been president of the South Kent District for just over a year. Previously he had been a Sunday School Superintendent, teacher and first counsellor of the South Kent District presidency.

President Fagg has been a member of the Church since 1962 when two missionary elders knocked at his door and the Faggs decided to listen.

President and Sister Fagg have four lovely children and have been sealed as a family unit in the London Temple Great blessings have come to them since joining the Church. President Fagg declared "I am truly thankful to God, the mission presidents I have served under, the district officers and branch presidents and the saints of the South Kent District. You have given help and strength to me and my family in serving and working with you. We have a wonderful message to declare to the world. May God bless you all."

JOHN RICHARDS
South Kent District Mission President

★ President Richards was born in Dover, Kent, the son of a professional baker with his own firm. He attended a Church of England school and attended a Church of England Sunday School where he sang in the choir. When he was fifteen he studied the Roman Catholic religion for about two years but found himself in conflict with some of the doctrines.

Upon leaving school he worked on the railway in the signal box. Following this he served in the Royal Air Force for three years. It was during these years that he met his wife and they were married in 1953, after which they returned to Dover to live and joined the Baptist Church. He was then working as a professional Philatelist (stamp dealer.)

In December 1962 the Elders called at their home The first contact was very antagonistic, but from the words, that the Book of Mormon was described as a history of the American Indians, he knew that it was true. Still, he didn't want to know anything about it. All of the questions that he raised the missionaries had an answer for even though at times they had to go and search for the information. It took seventeen Elders and seven months before he was baptised in July of 1963.

In the same year he had an opportunity, through his job, of touring around the world visiting such countries as India, Singapore, Australia as well as Hawaii and America from west to east. On this trip he did not meet members of the church. Upon his return he quickly became involved in the branch affairs, being called to positions in both Sunday School and the M.I.A.

In 1966 he had another opportunity of going back to America on a six week vacation with his family. This time they traveled from east to west staying with church members and visiting with former Elders of the British Mission.

He is now Sunday School superintendent and during the week serves in the district missionary work.

GWYNETH FAGG
South Kent District Relief Society President

★ Gwyneth Fagg is the wife of the South Kent District President.

The Faggs have been members of the

Church for five years, and have given devoted service to the South Kent District Sister Fagg, at 25 years of age was called to serve as District Relief Society President. She recalled, "This is the only time when I wished I was much older." She grew and developed as she functioned in her new calling and feels grateful that she was entrusted with this position. "I love Relief Society and know it was inspired of God. I realize the great change it can bring in ones life if one but tries to apply its teachings. I've been blessed with a husband who appreciated the importance of Relief Society and has done everything to help and support me in this calling.

I know this Church is true and can't begin to count the blessings we as a family have received. It's been hard work at times but surely anything we hold dear is worth a struggle."

DAVID HAGGER
Dover Branch President

★ David Hagger was born in 1936 in Barksbury, Islington the third son in a family of five boys and one girl. He was evacuated to Wales during the war and upon his return lived at Shepherds Bush. He joined the Boys Brigade and received a basic grounding in religion during the five years he was a member. He won a certificate for Religious Knowledge although he was not consciously "a religious person."

He attended grammar school and left at sixteen to begin work as a butcher. He has followed that trade ever since except for two years service in the Army Catering Corps. The family moved to Kent where he met and married his wife in 1958.

President Hagger was contacted by missionaries and was baptised in three months. Just previous to meeting the

David Hagger, Dover Branch president, and family.

elders, he and his wife lost a premature baby and felt bitter at this loss. When the missionaries came, President Hagger initially felt angry and did not want to listen. They did listen however and were willing to pray with the missionaries, even though they felt embarrassed and uncomfortable. He reports "I did as they asked and can truthfully say that I received an answer to my prayers. I felt the burning in my bosom when I asked the Lord if what these young men said was true. I must confess that my heart dropped like a stone when they told me that Mormons didn't use alcohol, tobacco, tea or coffee but I was surprised how easily I overcame this difficulty. The hardest task was the law of tithing and it wasn't for a long time that I paid a full tithe. Although my intentions have wavered, I now have a strong testimony of the law of tithing."

He concluded "I have been Branch President for nearly two years now and

during that time my testimony of the Gospel has been strengthened as I have watched others grow under the influence of the Spirit of the Lord."

President Hagger looks forward to the time when the Church grows to the point that the branches will become wards and the Dover District a stake.

BRIAN W. PRICE
Margate Branch President

★ It was four and a half years ago when my wife answered the door to two young strangers who were Americans, introducing themselves with the utmost courtesy as missionaries of the Mormon Church. It was also our first introduction to the Mormons, for we had never heard of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

My wife, however, with one of our children sick, was rather busy, and in her haste, asked them to call back later that evening. Thus doing, they arrived right on time on our doorstep. With patience, tolerance and love of the gospel, they began the first of many discussions with us, after, that is, disposing of my objections to leaving the maintenance of my motor scooter. Wiping the grease from my hands, I relented and listened to the gospel of Jesus Christ. From that time on, it was constantly in our thoughts until we could think of little else.

Finally, my wife made her decision and arranged to be baptised on the 5th of October. I accompanied her to Hyde Park Chapel and relenting again, I followed her into the waters of Baptism. It was the beginning of a new and wonderful life. Since our baptism we have tried to follow the commandments of old and the teachings of Christ's own church.

I have had the privilege of blessing my own children and baptising Susan and

Brian Price, Margate Branch president.

James when they reached the age of accountability. I hope to have the honour of baptising little Ann Elizabeth next year and our new baby when she also reaches the age of eight. It is a wonderful experience for any man.

The gospel has opened our eyes to see each other and our lovely children more clearly. With the help of the members of Margate Branch we have tried together to progress. With the guidance of our previous branch president, Brother William Sproch, we were encouraged to go to the London Temple and be married for time and eternity and have our children sealed to us. We have since had one more addition to our family, Amanda Jane.

We love the Church for it has bound us together in love and unity and has made our house a home. We had few friends and now we have many. With our children we strive for glory. We now have a purpose in life.

One year ago I was called to be Branch President. I felt very honoured. With God's help and strength I hope I can fulfill this calling in His way. My wife serves as Relief Society President and also assists in Junior Sunday School. Life is full and great.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is our life. Without it, their is no life and it is the only pathway to happiness. This is my Testimony.

Cantebury Branch Relief Society the day it was organised in 1963.

CANTERBURY BRANCH RELIEF SOCIETY

★ There is a wonderful friendly atmosphere at the Canterbury Branch Relief Society meetings. Wednesday evening has become a great pleasure for the sisters to anticipate each week and a source of strength to them. They have enjoyed having the missionary sisters living near for a few months during the past two years. They have helped greatly in the branch. At times when the Relief Society sisters have been tempted to give up in despair, their help and prayers have given fresh hope and faith to carry on.

They have raised enough money by holding a Christmas Bazaar each year to buy the yearly lesson material. There are now nine members who are active. It is not a large branch, but a healthy one which should grow to be a part of the wonderful organisation of Relief Society. Their love, kindness, and service to God and fellow beings embraces the whole world.

THE HISTORY OF DOVER BRANCH
Lillian Milner

★ It began in the third week of July, 1961, when a column appeared in the local paper announcing that two Mormon Elders had come to Dover. They wanted to get to know people as well as teach the young to play baseball. My son's friend had been given a new baseball bat and this was an opportunity to learn the game. The following Tuesday two elders visited me.

Have you ever felt that now the waiting is over? As soon as I talked to those boys, I knew that this is what I had been waiting for. The following week on August 4th, I was baptized. In two days I learned to live the Word of Wisdom, and began to do my part in building the Church in Dover.

The next few months were busy ones. More members came into the Church. Every one was involved and we soon met in Biggin Hall. We had just a few chairs to begin with. I remember the first Testimony meeting and although we were all very new members, we knew that this was right. It wasn't easy. In fact, looking back, there were times when you had to fight the prejudice against family. We had to prove by our actions that we weren't going away from them. The first Christmas was wonderful, as Christmas had a new meaning for us. In January, 1962 Relief Society was organized. We met in a sister's home, just five of us.

Lillian Chandler, Canterbury Branch Relief Society president.

Now was the time for growth . . . Some old members fell away, but new ones came and stayed. Did you know, in those early days, we would go to Basilden in Essex for our Conference? We would leave at six in the morning and not be back until the early hours of the following morning! I remember those meetings well. That year, too, we had a beach party in June, an event that has now become annual, and one to which Saints come from miles around.

Elder Marion D. Hanks then came to London. The Kent District was born, with Gravesend as our Conference point. We began to realize how big the Church was getting, we were short in Dover of a most important person. No one held the priesthood, and so it was left to the sisters to do many jobs. We taught in Sunday School, took lessons in M.I.A., did visiting teaching, and in general kept the branch going until such times as the priesthood should take over. During these last seven years I have seen Dover Branch at a low ebb, but I have seen it reach the heights, as well. I have known God's Spirit to be at many meetings with just a few of us there, and also with the meeting place really full.

Small as we were we entered the Road shows. The first year we won second prize. The following year we won first prize for our presentation of the "Mad Hatters Tea-Party." A wonderful achievement!

For the last three years we have taken part in the Dover Carnival. I am sure many elders who took part in this will remember it well. They will recall their sore feet, in particular because in the beginning, the float had to be pulled through two miles of streets by elders in barefeet!

Looking back I remember so many wonderful things. Much has happened since July, 1961. The Church has grown. We have found the understanding which comes through performing the various jobs one undertakes. You feel happiness at the sight of a full attendance in Church. It is a wonderful feeling to know that in some small way, you have helped to build the Church here in Dover and to realize that you have been here from the beginning. Last of all, my testimony has grown. I can stand upon my feet and know that this Church is true and that everything is worthwhile.

NOTICE!

★Readers are reminded that the Short Story writing contest closes August 30 and that the Poetry writing contest will close on August 15. A new photography contest begins immediately and closes November 30.

North Kent District

★ NORTH KENT DISTRICT — stretches from the new Medway chapel on the north to the resort areas of Eastborne and Hastings on the south. It is here that William the Conquerer won his Crown.

Hastings Elders, LaMont, Cornelius (district leader), Christensen, Rafn, Sorenson, Calder, Burton, Dial, Goff, Stevens.

Dartford missionaries, from left, front, Dixon, Riddle, Moore, Holley, Frederick; Baumgardner. Back, Larsen, Hopfe, Ward, Cook, Thornley, Hall.

DEREK BRAZIL
District Missionary President of
North Kent

★ A Thursday in February, 1963, was just a normal day in my life. Having completed a day's work, I arrived home very tired. After enjoying my evening meal, I sat down to take a rest. I was aroused from my slumbers by several voices. My wife was asking me the question "Will that be alright with you, dear?" to which I replied, "Yes, of course," not really knowing to what I had agreed, but realizing that two young men were shaking my hand and were about to leave.

I was informed after they had gone that we had an appointment with two Mormon Missionaries who were coming to talk to us about their Church. And so they came, and we were taught the Gospel. Elder Dennis Stokes of Ogden, Utah, and Elder Gordon Moore of Provo, Utah, were two of the finest young men it has ever been my pleasure to meet, and I have so much to thank them for.

Having been brought up in a very religious home by fine Christian parents much of what the Elders told me was not new. I was already aware of much of the Gospel message they brought. However, I had not, until this time, been able to find what I was looking for in the churches I investigated. My

Derek Brazil, North Kent District Missionary president.

Croydon Elders Wood, Fries, Colledge, Hymas, Croft, Davis, Fox, Romney, Hymas, Stacey.

parents had something. Of this I was sure. My father had been a preacher for thirty years, and now was a Congregational Minister. Still there was something lacking. The discussions continued with the missionaries, and I began to realize that this could be the truth of which I was seeking. With my family, my wife and son, many prayers were offered asking for a sure knowledge.

My answer came when I least expected it. I had by this time accepted the Book of Mormon, but was having trouble with the Word of Wisdom as I was a heavy smoker. I could not bring myself to accept that the Word of Wisdom was a commandment from the Lord. I had been asked to pray and ask the Lord if this were not so.

I shall never forget the answer to my prayer. Having eaten a mid-day meal at the home of my wife's parents, (who were also being taught at this time) I took from my pocket my tobacco as was my usual practice, and as I opened the tin I looked at the contents, a voice within me said, "Whatever do you want with that? You can surely do without it." I then found myself almost compelled to close the lid and as I placed it on the table, I said to my father-in-law,

"You are welcome to that, I shall never need it again"

Five years have gone by and I shall be eternally grateful to the two young men, who took time out of their lives to bring the Gospel to my family. We were all baptised on June 30th, 1963. There were five baptisms on that one day. I do not wonder at the tears of joy that fell from the eyes of the missionaries on that day. We now experience the same joy by helping others to understand the Gospel.

Thomas W. West, Hastings Branch president.

THOMAS W. WEST
President of the Hastings Branch

★ Thomas W. West, President of the Hastings Branch, was born in Islington, London. He hoped to become a minister of the Church of England. One day he heard two Elders speak at Hyde Park. He was amused at the story of angels and golden plates, but decided that he would accept their offer of a copy of a Book of Mormon which they asked him to collect at Balham, S.W.12. This was an address he was soon to know almost as well as that of his own home.

He relates "I might have passed the building had it not been for two small American boys playing in the front garden. They greeted me warmly, as they took me into the chapel and introduced me to some of the local members. Sister Patty Lou Reed arrived, and shortly after handed me over to Pres. Harmer, 2nd Counsellor in the mission presidency at that time.

I just wanted to read a copy of the book. I explained that I had already read literature from many of the other churches. Pres. Harmer had other ideas. Having answered my immediate questions, he said that he would give me a copy if I would pray to know if it were true. I told him that I could not do that as I was already quite sure that it was a lot of nonsense. I would, however, if it would be alright with him pray to know where it was wrong." Pres. Harmer said, "That would be quite alright." He didn't mind how I prayed as long as I prayed.

I prayed and read the Book of Mormon all the next week, asking to know where it was wrong. Each day I became more convinced of its truthfulness. I also knew my life was being turned upside down.

Cottage Meetings followed. I was baptised in August, 1956. My first assignment was to act as assistant Scout Master of the South London Branch L.D.S. Troop. Since then I have held many different positions in the Church in Sunday School as well as district positions.

I am more grateful for my testimony of the Gospel than any mere words can say, and for all those who have helped me, known and unknown, on my way to acquiring it. I am also grateful for all the blessings which we, as a family have received in trying our best to live up to our testimonies.

GLADYS E. ACOTT
(The oldest member of Tunbridge Wells Branch)

★ I was born into the Church of Jesus Christ and baptised at the age of eight. I was, however, unable to take an active part in Church meetings since the nearest branch was approximately thirty miles away.

About seven years ago, two missionaries called at my home with the great news that they were working in this district. After a short time a branch was formed. Imagine what it meant to me! I was able to associate with members of the true Church and watch the progress of the Church in England. It is wonderful the way the Gospel is spreading in the world.

I had the honour of being present at the dedication of the Temple at Lingfield. It was both an emotional and spiritual experience—one that I shall always remember with thankfulness, especially when I had the opportunity of meeting President David O. McKay. One felt that he is indeed a Prophet of God—radiating truth and goodness.

About five years ago I was called to the office of Branch Relief Society president. This auxiliary has helped me in my home and business life. I've had more patience and understanding of others' difficulties. My one hope is that I shall always be strong enough to hold fast to the Rod of Iron.

MY STORY
Olive Jillings, Dartford Branch

★ On a mild day in the Autumn of 1908, a friend came to our house in Ilford and took my two smaller brothers and I to her home for a party. We had a lovely time. There was plenty of nice food. I remember seeing the largest rice pudding I had ever seen. Her two big boys who were usually terse with us went out of their way to be kind and friendly. We learned later, that that was the day my mother had been buried.

After her death, my sister, Violet, at the age of sixteen was left to be the mother to her nine brothers and sisters, and housekeeper to my father. He was the local Recruiting Sergeant for the Army and used the front room of our house for his office. The hardest part of her household duties was to keep us all quiet when my father was working. This was not easy with six boys endowed with an Irish temperament. The love of fighting and arguing and a determination not to be under a petticoat government was in their blood. She could ordinarily handle them.

However, one day I remember they had reduced her to tears by threatening to tell my father that she had been talking to the Mormons. The visit of two missionaries had been a pleasant surprise to her. They were mannerly and interesting. They weren't Catholics, of course, but it had been only civil to talk to them when they called.

Years later I went to a cinema featuring a film about the Mormons. I learned how Joseph Smith found the treasure which he converted to the Book of Mormon. He then began the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was a very interesting film. I wished that I could have been one of them. I did not realise what the future held for me.

When I married, I was a practising Catholic, but as the years went by, my religion had no real meaning or significance in my life.

When I retired from work, I found myself for the first time with lots of spare time. I felt there was a great lack of purpose in my life, and began to realize that "man cannot live by bread alone." My Bible gave me some

comfort but by itself it was not sufficient. One day at Eltham I stopped to listen to a young missionary. Mormonism wasn't a legend of the past, it was still a very real thing. Many people were living happily, and actively participating in a way of life that would help them receive eternal life. I found that I could quite easily fit into this new way of life and I was baptised into the Church. When I was confirmed, I knew I had been travelling a long time to find at last, the right place. It had taken me sixty years to join the true Church.

I am hoping that my children will not take quite as long as I did in realising that this is the true Church. I hope they will come to understand that living in accordance with the doctrines of the Church is the only way to live and enjoy happiness in this life, and have eternal life in the next.

Richard F. Marquiss, Tunbridge Branch president.

RICHARD F. MARQUISS

Branch President, Tunbridge Wells Branch

★ Pres. Marquiss has always been interested in religion and was guided by it from his earliest recollection. By the time he was ten years old he had listened to traveling preachers and was touched by their invitation to be "saved." Eventually he adopted the faith of his parents. He became a Christian Scientist. He found comfort and support through hard times by this concept of God.

Pres. Marquiss served in the army during the war for more than six years. He was part of the R.A.S.C. Water Transport. When he was released from the service he married and began a career in Publicity, Photography and Sales Promotion. Times became difficult and he faced economic stress and financial struggle. It was during this period that the missionaries called at his home. They encouraged him to pray to his Father in Heaven for help, whatever his problems. He received answers to his prayers and in due course, he and his entire family accepted baptism.

"My four and a half years in the Church have been the most progressive in my life and this I know applies to my wife and children, as well. We still have our problems, but now we are well equipped to deal with them and know if God is for us, no man can do us harm," Pres. Marquiss says.

Essex District

★ Essex is a fertile land midway in the British Mission. It is part of the famous "Constable country." It includes the cockney paradise of Southend-on-Sea.

Missionaries of Enfield, Kopp, district leader; Emory Smith, Fred Bobo, Chris Ashcroft, David Budge, Robert Anderson, Peter Wilson, Judy Stander, Shirley Wells.

Southend Elders, Homer, Dolley, Herzog, Olson, Elkins, Pearson, Larsen, Washburn, Butler, Ackerson.

Harlow Elders, Cutchshaw, Wood, Whiting, Hall, Stokes, Lemmon, Finley, Olsen, Bezzant, Harlow.

Ilford Elders, from left, front, Scoll, Stewart, Draper, Bevan, Kendall, Seamans,; back, Buhler, Weight, Fisher, Adams, Watkins, Neilsen.

★ "The Lord has been so gracious and merciful to us that we could never repay Him by spending our whole lives in His service."

—Harold Hunt
Essex District President

★ Pres. Harold Hunt was brought up in the Church of England faith. He was a choir boy and an Altar Server in the local parish church. He attended a Church of England school and was married in the Church of England in 1942 to a girl he met in Ireland during World War II.

The Hunts first heard of the Church in 1950 and were baptised nine months later. Pres. Hunt described their experience. "Our conversion was not any easy one for the missionaries. It was a sense of responsibility that made us accept baptism rather than a great desire to change our life and serve to me that Joseph Smith was a prophet. the Lord. The Holy Spirit bore witness This I had to know."

Pres. Hunt has filled many postions of responsibility in the Church. He has been branch president, branch and Sunday School chorister, M.I.A. superintendent, Sunday School teacher, district

Harold Hunt president, Essex District

missionary, district councilman, counsellor in the district presidency and now serves as district president.

Pres. Hunt commented "We have learned to love the Gospel and thank the Lord for it and for the many blessings that have been ours through being members of His true Church. I thank my Father in heaven for my wonderful wife who, by her patience and true love, has made these years of service to the Lord so joyful. I thank Him for our four children with which He has blessed us and who we hope in due time will fulfill missions."

TERENCE MUNDER,
District Missionary President

★ Just before Christmas of 1965 the Mormon missionaries called at the door of Terence Munder. Pres. Munder claims that his conversion to the Church is due to the fact that his wife can never say 'no' to anyone at the door. They listened to the two Elders and in due course were baptised.

Pres. Munder was brought up in the east end of London where Church was a place where you were christened, married and buried. Smoking was a way of life from the time you were a young boy, and he smoked from the time he was fourteen years old. This long standing habit was broken through the power of prayer.

The Munders have been active members of the Church since their baptism. He enjoys missionary work and finds that his testimony grows as he tries to bring the Gospel to others.

Terence Munden and Sister Munden.

ALBERT HENRY FIELD
British Mission Genealogical Advisor

★ Albert Henry Field was born at Chelmsford, Essex and has lived and worked there all of his life. He was educated at the local Church of England day school until fourteen when he took a job as a clerk in a local newspaper office. He is now employed by the Church as custodian of the new Chelmsford chapel.

He served five years during the war as a signaller in the infantry. He saw action in Italy, Greece and Palestine.

Bro. Field married a girl that he had

Albert H. Field, mission Genealogical advisor.

courted since his school days. They have had their marriage sealed in the Temple and have four children.

The missionaries called at the Field home in 1951. The message they brought had meaning to them. Bro. Field said "At first I was sceptical about the Joseph Smith story and of the authenticity of the Book of Mormon. When I put the promise of Moroni to the test, I found that the Lord was indeed ready to reveal to me that these things were true."

Bro. Field is an ardent genealogist and strives hard to interest others in this important task. Most of his leisure hours are spent in conducting searches on behalf of members of the Church living in many different parts of the world.

DENNIS R. A. ADCOCK
Enfield Branch President

★ Dennis Adcock has been a member of the Church for nine years and has recently been made president of the newly formed Enfield Branch. It is a long journey from this appointment back to the time when the missionaries first knocked at his door and Sister Adcock invited them in. She had an immediate quickening of the spirit and believed these elders had a special spiritual quality. As they gave their message and spoke of the angel, Moroni, she felt that there was communication direct from heaven to her on her doorstep.

Later the elders met and taught Bro. Adcock. It took six gruelling months for him to accept the Gospel. He reported "I ran out of awkward questions, threw my pipe away, emptied the wine bottles at the end of the garden and was baptised."

His testimony has increased and he gives this counsel to his branch members. "If you stay in the Church, living worthily and taking on what is asked of you, your capacity increases, blessings follow and your testimony grows."

Dennis R. A. Adcock, Enfield Branch president.

JAMES BRANDON
Basildon Branch President

★ James Brandon was born in the east end of London. The family was evacuated to Grays Hill Essex at the beginning of World War II. Bro. Brandon was called to serve his country as an infantryman at the age of eighteen. He joined the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiments serving in Egypt, Italy and Greece. He was wounded three times.

James Brandon, Basildon Branch

At the end of the war he met and married Ivy Lockett. They now have four children.

The missionaries called at their door and taught them the Gospel. They have been active members of the Church since their baptism in 1961.

Bro. Brandon has a strong testimony of the Gospel. He declared "My family and I have been truly blessed. I know that this is the only true Church on the earth today and pray that we shall continue to be blessed that our testimonies may grow and we shall endure to the end".

John Bennett, Southend Branch, outstanding youth.

THE GLORY OF GOD IS INTELLIGENCE

★ John Bonnett is the son of Doris Bonnett, British Mission Relief Society secretary from the Southend Branch. He has one brother, Terry, who is fourteen. He has received recognition for outstanding achivement in his school work. John, now 17, was baptised on the 7th October, 1961. He attended Eastwood High School for Boys for five and a half years and is now in the 6th form at Westcliff Grammer School and continuing work on his "A" levels.

John has completed nine "O" levels, and was given an 'A' rating in all his subjects he also received the highest commendation from his headmaster. In addition to his scholastic achivements he has been Prefect and school Rugby Captain. John has also received a Duke of Edinburgh's Award and has been active in his Youth Club. He enjoys chess and stamp collecting as hobbies.

In his Church responsibilities he has received 3 Aaronic Priesthood Awards and one Letter of Achievement.

GEORGE H. STEVENS

Chelmsford Branch President

★ After the war, the Stevens family moved to Chelmsford. They were strangers in the community and far away from their families. They had a new baby son and a young daughter. Sister Stevens became ill and was hospitalized for over a year. The baby was taken to a welfare home and their little girl was cared for by her father having her meals at school and at the home of a friend. These were hard times for this young family.

Sister Stevens came home for short periods and it was during one of these visits that the lady missionaries called on her. They later reported that they had a distinct and strong impression to call at the Stevens' door. Regular dissussions followed and this family was eventually baptised.

In due course, Sister Stevens returned home and with the help of administrations and prayer has remained well. Brother Stevens testifies. "I am truly thankful to the Lord for answering my prayers and for the better health that my wife enjoys and all our blessings. I know that Jesus is the Christ, that Joseph Smith is a Prophet of God and that David O. McKay today is a Prophet of God."

DOROTHY M. BUNN
Kings Lynn Branch Relief Society President

★ On 26th October 1926 at Brixton, London I was born second of a family of seven children of hard working parents. All through my childhood I can remember that money was never very easy to come by. It was a great struggle for my parents to bring up their family, as in those days there were no family allowances. Soon after war broke out, my school was evacuated to a safer area. As we did not want to be separated from our parents we did not go.

My father at that time had a greengrocers round, and later joined the Fire Service. As my mother and sister went out to work, I had to look after the younger ones. This was a terrible strain. When the day raids on London took place I had to get my younger brother and sisters to an improvised shelter, a converted ground floor flat. It was always a great relief to hear the "all clear" sound. A greater blessing was when my mother and sister arrived home safely.

Then when the night raids took place, usually about nine p.m., we would gather gas masks, cushions and blankets and down to the shelter we would go, staying there till the morning. By November 1940, the firemen were advised to get their families out of the danger zone.

So with our toys given away and our furniture and chatels stored I found myself with my mother, brother and sisters on the 14th November, 1940, at a railway station with just a suitcase of clothes.

I think that was the very first time I ever heard the town of King's Lynn mentioned. I do remember very clearly saying to myself on arrival, "Why King's Lynn?" Quite a few years passed before I had the answer.

It was a great shock to find that my family had to be split up and live in different homes as evacuees. My poor mother was nearly frantic, trying to keep track of her children in such a large crowd and finding the five addresses they would be taken to. I can remember ladies coming up the line of children and saying "I'll have this one." We were all very lucky, we had good foster mothers and lovely homes, but it was still a wonderful thrill when in February, 1941 my mother was able to rent a house and we were together again.

A year or two later my father was transferred to the Norfolk Fire Brigade, and was able to come home on his free days. It was from this time that my questions started to be answered. In September, 1948 I was married.

My marriage was a very happy one, but like my mother and father we had to spend carefully and wisely. We had only been married 12 years when my husband died and I was left with four young children between the ages of nearly four and eleven. It was a dreadful shock and I often wondered why it should happen. We were happy together and he loved the children so much, that no matter how tired or late it was when he got home from work, he would

never go to bed without giving them a good-night kiss.

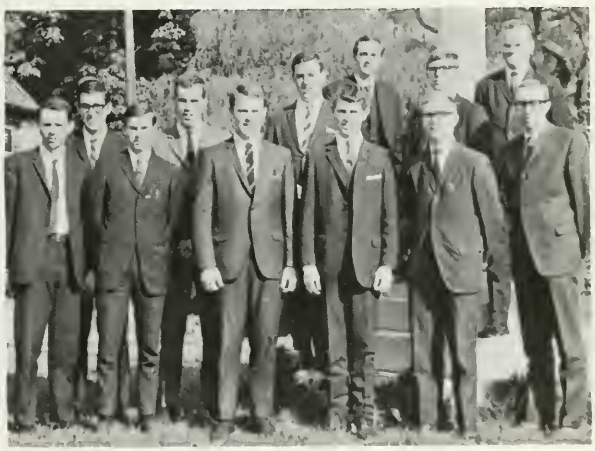
I think my prayers were answered when three months later missionaries called at my home. After two or three visits they had made a lasting impression on me. We had the lessons, read the leaflets and prayed and within three weeks of meeting the Elders my son, eldest daughter, and I were baptized on the 6th May, 1961. What an eventful day it had been.

It is now seven years since that wonderful day. We have had a long hard fight but have received many blessings. My children have all gained testimonies. My son is a priest in the Aaronic Priesthood, my eldest daughter has just become a member of Relief Society, my second daughter became the first child in King's Lynn to graduate last year from Primary. My youngest daughter is now in the Firelight class in Primary and has just recently been chosen as head girl at school.

I have worked as a Sunday School and Primary teacher and now have a small home Primary Relief Society was the first auxiliary to be organised here on the 3rd July, 1962, at this same meeting I was elected president the same position that I hold today. I also work as Social Science teacher, work teacher, and acting secretary, as we do not have enough active members to share these responsibilities.

At many of our meetings we only have two members present, but they are all worthwhile and very rewarding. We only have six Relief Society members and we all live some distance apart which adds to our difficulties.

A few months ago we were blessed with the arrrival in the area of an active Mormon family and now have an Elder in the branch. Now we again have the missionaries back with us in King's Lynn. The answer to my question has been fully made known. I was to come to King's Lynn to receive the Gospel and accept a position in the Church, to help the Lord in His work in this part of His vineyard. I shall always be grateful for this opportunity.



Romford Elders, Macklangston, Hellstrom, Barrett, Dorenbosch, Britton, Layton, Miskin, Richard Denhalter district leader; Bryson, Mackay, Bingham, Preece.

Sister Emma Marr Petersen at Chelmsford Chapel dedication.

Elder Mark E. Petersen at Chelmsford Chapel services.

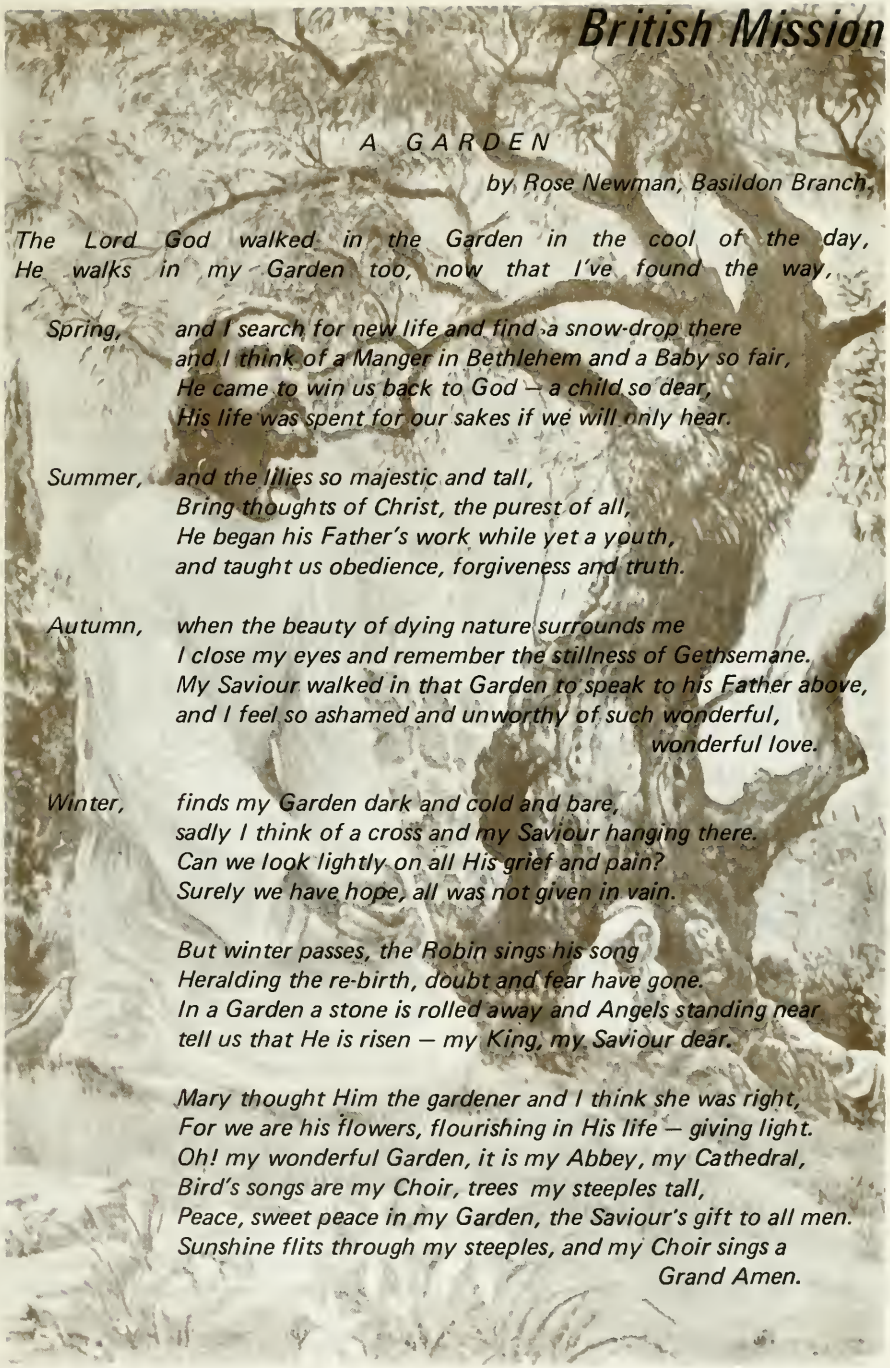
Choir at the Chelmsford Chapel dedication.

Jubilee Hall where the Chelmsford Branch met in 1951.

Chelmsford Chapel dedicated by Elder Petersen.

Medway Chapel, North Kent District, dedicated May 31 by Elder Petersen.

Southend Branch, Essex, pantomime, "The Beauty and the Beast."



A GARDEN

by Rose Newman, Basildon Branch.

The Lord God walked in the Garden in the cool of the day,
He walks in my Garden too, now that I've found the way,

Spring, and I search for new life and find a snow-drop there
and I think of a Manger in Bethlehem and a Baby so fair,
He came to win us back to God — a child so dear,
His life was spent for our sakes if we will only hear.

Summer, and the lilies so majestic and tall,
Bring thoughts of Christ, the purest of all,
He began his Father's work while yet a youth,
and taught us obedience, forgiveness and truth.

Autumn, when the beauty of dying nature surrounds me
I close my eyes and remember the stillness of Gethsemane.
My Saviour walked in that Garden to speak to his Father above,
and I feel so ashamed and unworthy of such wonderful,
wonderful love.

Winter, finds my Garden dark and cold and bare,
sadly I think of a cross and my Saviour hanging there.
Can we look lightly on all His grief and pain?
Surely we have hope, all was not given in vain.

But winter passes, the Robin sings his song
Heralding the re-birth, doubt and fear have gone.
In a Garden a stone is rolled away and Angels standing near
tell us that He is risen — my King, my Saviour dear.

Mary thought Him the gardener and I think she was right,
For we are his flowers, flourishing in His life — giving light.
Oh! my wonderful Garden, it is my Abbey, my Cathedral,
Bird's songs are my Choir, trees my steeples tall,
Peace, sweet peace in my Garden, the Saviour's gift to all men.
Sunshine flits through my steeples, and my Choir sings a
Grand Amen.

Norwich District

★ There are many resort areas in the Norwich District. People come from all over England to enjoy the great sport of fishing available in Norfolk. Lowestoft is England's most easterly town. There are two L.D.S. chapels in this district and the M.I.A. groups are particularly active.

★ "I never cease to marvel at the great influence the Gospel has upon the lives of those who are really intent in living it as the Lord has commanded His children to do—in faith."

—John Margetson, Norwich District President

John E. Margetson, president, Norwich District.

★ John E. Margetson, president of Norwich District, is a man of rich background and varied experience. He served as a Royal Marine for twelve years just prior to and during World War II. He was married during the war and when it was over settled in Gorleston, a quiet resort town on the east coast. He joined Radio Component Manufacturers for whom he still works.

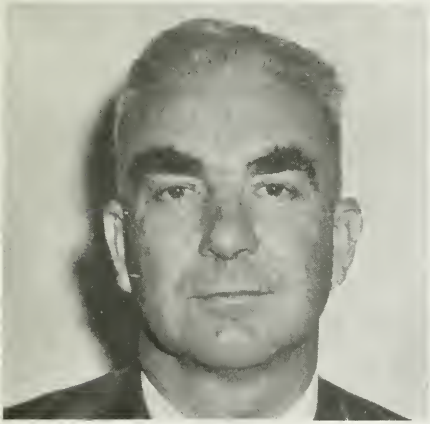
Two missionaries called at the Margetsons door and impressed by their appearance and desire to preach the Gospel, President Margetson invited them in. This was the beginning of a new life. John, his wife, Cathy, and members of her family were taught the Gospel and were baptised on the 21st of October, 1958. President Margetson described the occasion:

It was a day that I well remember, so many traveled to Norwich for our baptism. I recall the great joy and excitement which prevailed amongst both missionaries and members, creating a wonderful spirit about this whole day for us. As I witnessed my wife coming out of the waters of baptism so radiant in the newness of life that baptism brings, it brought home to me so vividly the power of the priesthood and the divine authority that these young missionaries held. There was no doubt in my mind that this was the true Gospel of Jesus Christ that we had been taught and had accepted.

President Margetson became an Elder and in due course went to the temple. He has served as district clerk, as second counsellor in the district presidency and was called as district president in 1963.

President Margetson stated "I have been so grateful for the opportunity of being able to serve in the Church, of being strengthened in my testimony as I have striven to live the Gospel to the

full. I am grateful to have been associated with so many wonderful people from whom I have learned so much. I am so grateful to those wonderful, young missionaries who made all this possible. They would not be discouraged no matter what we said or how hard we tried not to accept the Gospel. I appreciate the families who have supported them on their missions. I shall always feel a debt of gratitude. I am thankful for my dear wife who has sustained me in my priesthood and has given me great encouragement in the work I have striven to do. May the Lord truly bless them all."



Aaron G. Amachar, Norwich District Missionary president.

MY HERITAGE

Aaron G. Amacher, Norwich District Missionary President

★ As a young girl in her teens, my mother became seriously ill. The nature of her sickness was not understood by the doctors of her time and none could help her. The sickness caused large open sores to develop on her arms and legs and soon prevented her from walking and getting about. They became so severe that the doctors recommended that her legs be amputated in order that her life be saved. She refused to allow this. During this time, she heard the Gospel preached by two young missionaries. She decided to join the Church. The missionaries carried her into the waters of baptism because she could not walk or stand.

Shortly after her entrance into the Church she asked one of the missionaries, who was about to complete his mission, to administer to her. In the blessing, the elder promised her that she would recover, go to Zion and there she would have sons and daughters from an eternal marriage covenant.

At this time, these promises seemed impossible. She was living with a married sister who had had compassion upon her in her illness. My mother could not work to pay any of the passage to America. Who would believe that such a sick person could recover, find a husband and bear children? But it all came true. Her recovery began from the day she was blessed. Funds to cross the ocean where made available to her. The remaining portion of the blessing was also fulfilled.

It was under the direction of this remarkable woman that I received my early training in the Gospel. My father was no less faithful.

(Note: President Amacher is a Colonel in the United States Army serving in England.)

DENNIS R. REEVES

Norwich District Missionary President

★ Pres. Reeves was born in Essex near the Epping Forest. When he was married and had three children they moved to Taradale, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. Soon after their arrival they learned of the baptism into the Mormon Church of two cousins living in Norwich. They wondered what kind of a religion

Top cultural highlight of MIA June Conference was the music festival in the Tabernacle.

Several outstanding musicians selected from throughout the Church were presented.

Dennis R. Reeves, Norwich District Missionary president.

it could be. Strangely enough, within a week or two Mormon missionaries knocked at their door. They were surprised at the Reeves' interest and eagerness to learn about the Gospel. The Reeves family was baptised within three weeks.

Pres. Reeves is particularly grateful to the missionaries and also to Bishop Richard John Carrol of the Hastings Ward. He described him as "a Maori of striking features and massive build. He devoted one or sometimes two evenings a week teaching us about the Church and its doctrines."

Pres. Reeves became an elder in seven months and in May, 1965 he took his family to the temple.

This family has returned to Norwich to live and have had a joyous reunion with the cousins who first aroused their interest in the Gospel.

Pres. Reeves concluded by saying "I hope to be able to serve the Lord to the best of my ability for all time."

KENNETH LEWIS WARREN
Norwich Branch President

★ Kenneth W. Warren is an insurance broker in partnership with his first counsellor, Kenneth Johnson. He is married and has three children. One daughter lives in Salt Lake City. All are active members of the Church.

The Warrens were baptised in 1950 and their conviction of the divinity of the Gospel has grown each year. Brother Warren said "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is indeed the first love of my life or rather I should say 'our lives,' because my wife is as dedicated to the Church as I am. What treasures of knowledge have already been revealed to us and how empty our lives would be without this great Church of the Saviour."

He declared "There are times when I feel so uplifted by the Spirit of the Lord that I feel akin to that fortunate organist who struck that glorious chord of music and heard 'the sound of a great Amen.'"

Brother Warren believes that these are times when adventure is not a thing of a bygone era to be found only in a foreign land. There are great challenges to be found in this country and great opportunities to live the Gospel.

BARBARA M. BARBER
Norwich District Primary President

★ Barbara M. Barber serves as Norwich District Primary president. She has long experience in this auxiliary. She was recently presented with a lovely pin to commemorate ten years of Primary service.

Sister Barber was born and brought up in Norwich. It was here that she and her husband both accepted the Gospel when the missionaries called at their home. She said "I regret to say

Barbara M. Barber, Norwich District Primary president.

that I was the 'stiff necked' one. It wasn't until my husband's baptism that I saw the light. I have never felt so left out of anything in all my life. However, that was soon rectified and since that day, ten years ago, the Gospel has been the motivating power of my life."

The Barbers have been active Church members and have worked in nearly all of the Church organizations. Their efforts have brought them much satisfaction and happiness. Sister Barber described her greatest calling as caring for and teaching her own children. She said "My greatest calling is to bring up my two sons and one daughter as true Latter-day Saints, and with the help of the Lord, my husband and I are striving to do this."

ALBERT A. COLE
President of the Gorlston Branch, Norwich District

★ A branch was formed in Yarmouth in 1931 and Albert Alexander Cole was called to be the branch president. Two missionaries served as his counsellors. Bro. Cole and his young son were the only local priesthood holders in the branch. The total membership, of which including children, was eleven. All meetings were held at first in Bro. Cole's home. Eventually, they were able to hire a room for their services and soon the Sunday School increased to forty. Then the war began and all missionaries were called home. The children and most of the adults were evacuated from the town and the branch was temporarily closed.

Bro. Cole was asked to serve in the District presidency. His new calling required him to visit each remaining branch in the district once a month. He also visited an American Air Force Base as often as possible to serve the sacrament to the service men who were members of the Church.

Bro. Cole says "My life has been rich with priesthood experience and now at the age of seventy-two I am president of the Gorlston Branch. I thank our Heavenly Father for the prompting of His Holy Spirit which brought the elders to my door over thirty eight years ago. It was an event which changed my whole life and brought much joy and happiness into it."

Albert A. Cole, Gorlston Branch president.

Missionaries of Norwich, back, Dalley, Warnick, Layton, Hogan, Faber, Schiffman, Richter; front, Richardson, Seamons, Cook, Wickham.

Edith Thrower, oldest member of Norwich Branch with daughter Margaret and son, Stuart.

Elsie Masters, Norwich, recently received Primary 20-year service pin.

ELSIE MASTERS

Norwich

★ Elsie Master's father was a convert to the Church and so she was baptized at the age of twelve.She has had a life time of continuous Church service since then. She has served twenty years in Primary and was honoured recently at district conference for long service to the children of the Church. She has worked at district level as well as on the mission board.

One of her greatest satisfactions came when she was a counsellor in the Norwich Branch Primary. She took her turn each third week with the president and other counsellor in travelling ten miles to Soddon to assist in a home Primary for three brothers all of different ages. She said "I found myself looking forward to this every third week as in this week I attended two Primaries."

She has always had complete cooperation from her family and has had great joy in serving the Lord.

Ipswich District

★ IPSWICH — Two U.S. Air Force bases are located in the Ipswich area which means more American participation than in any other part of the mission.

This was the centre of the Puritans, the sea gate to East Anglia and an area to which Charles Dickens brought fame. Three chaples are in this area.

Also Britain's oldest recorded town in this area—Colchester— was the home of Old King Cole.

Ipswich Elders, back, Harkness, Wagner, Carter, Meikle, Hart, Miles, Hill; back, McConkie, Gregory, Cluff, Ellison, Bernacehi.

Cambridge Elders, front, Meredith, Hankey, Osborne; back, Greene, Thornton, Francis, Peters, Wagner, district leader.

★"The Lord's blessings are commensurate with the effort we put forth."
—Gordon Stewart
Ipswich District President

GORDON STEWART
District President, Ipswich District

★ Gordon Stewart is a young American born in Rexberg, Idaho. His ancestors were Mormon emigrants from Scotland and Denmark. Rexberg is a farming community with 95% of the people Latter-day Saints. President Stewart's life revolved around the hub of the Church. He attended all the Church programmes and as he grew to manhood was called to serve as a missionary in Great Britain. He said "I served my mission from 1958 to 1960 in the old districts of Hull, Newcastle and Manchester. I was here at an exciting time as I saw a new temple built in Britain a mission divided and the first British stake organised. I grew to love the British people and promised myself I would return someday to see my many friends again."

He returned home and enrolled at the Utah State Agricultural College and completed his studies in 1963 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He married Jerry Kay Healy two days after graduation.

They both obtained employment in Oregon and spent the next three years working and saving their money with one goal in mind—to return to England. President Stewart stated "We made up our minds to resign from our work and come to Europe to see those far off places we always dreamed about. We made all the necessary arrangements and left home in June of 1966. We purchased a car in Sweden and a great deal of camping gear and spent the rest of the summer traveling. It was a wonderful experience and my wife even got used to a sleeping bag and tent."

Colchester Branch Chapel, dedicated in May.

They arrived in England in September of 1966 and decided to stay for another year rather than return home. President Stewart found a job with one of the U.S. Air Force Bases near Newmarket, Suffolk and moved to the village of Mildenhall.

The Stewarts immediately became active in the Cambridge Branch and Gordon was later called to be the District President.

President Stewart concluded "I feel the blessings of the Lord daily and am so grateful for the opportunities for service in the Church which I have had. The Church experiences I have had in England are priceless. My testimony was discovered when here as a missionary and has now been strenghtend greatly while serving as District President. I owe much to the British members and thank them all for the opportunity of growth and development in the ways of our Father in Heaven."

CAMBRIDGE BRANCH

Perry T. Roberts, Branch President

★ Brother Roberts has served as the Cambridge Branch President for two years. He is a former resident of Lewiston, Utah where he was born and raised, he is a life member of the Church. He became an Eagle Scout at the age of sixteen and attended seminary during his school years. Brother Roberts graduated from Utah State University and from Northwestern Medical School in Chicago. He is a board certified Otorhino and Laryngologist (ear, nose and throat surgeon) with the United States Air Force at Lakenheath, Suffolk. He serves a patient population of 70,000 USAF personnel and dependents. His wife is Jo Ann Hart Roberts formerly of Preston, Idaho and they have five children. They will be moving shortly to San Antonio, Texas.

JOHN V. MORVAN

Branch President, Braintree Branch

★ John V. Morvan, a member of the United States Air Force, was born in Louisiana in the United States. His first contact with the Church was when he met his wife, a Mormon. In due time they were married by a Justice of the Peace, as Sister Morvan could not accept a Catholic marriage service. When children were born Sister Morvan felt a strong need for the Church and again became active, whilst President Morvan still attended his own church.

The Morvans then received a three year assignment in Japan for the Air Force. They soon discovered a small group of L.D.S. service men who met on the base, and while Sister Morvan was very pleased, President Morvan was not unduly enthusiastic. He did, however, begin to attend Sunday School occasionally as his wife and boys were active and trying hard to influence him. He said "It was in the third year of our Japanese assignment and also because of my wife and family that my eyes and mind became opened.

My wife arranged a meeting for me in my home with the local Branch President. After his visit I said that I would at least listen to what the missionaries had to say. When the Elders came they taught me well and asked if I would pray whether or not the Church was true. It took a while for my prayer to be answered, but not nearly as long as it had been for my wife, she had never missed a day for the previous five years.

After I was baptised, my oldest son who was to be six the following January, presented me with a three in one and told me he hoped that I would always be a good member of the Church. At the next Fast and Testimony meeting he stood and bore his testimony,

and said how happy he was that his Daddy had joined the Church and that he prayed that when he got to be eight years old that I would baptise him.

Thanks be to the Lord that his prayer was answered. The Lord has blessed us beyond words. We have been able to go to his Temple and to be sealed as a unit. We have seen the Priesthood blessings in our home. The Church has given us an opportunity to serve and we are grateful to be in England.

I have now been Branch President for over a year and I have seen many faithful members come into the Church. They are diligent and eager to learn more of our Heavenly Father. Our membership in this branch is 78 and growing steadily. One thing I know is that the Lord will take care of everything if we do our part. May we ever try."

John G. Morvan and sons. He is president of Braintree Branch.

GRACE E. DEWEY
Braintree Branch, Relief Society President

★ Grace E. Dewey was a referral to the missionaries from L.D.S. friends in New Zealand. She was taught the Gospel and baptised in 1967. She has been fully active and has held several offices of responsibility since that time.

As Relief Society president of Braintree Branch she leads both American and British sisters. She feels it is important to give the American sisters an understanding of English customs and home life to take back with them when they return to their homeland. Because of this, the recent anniversary of the Relief Society was celebrated with a traditional English dinner of roast beef, yorkshire pudding with all the trimmings, followed by fruit pie and custard. The dinner was held in the lovely four-hundred year old, oak beamed home of Sister Dewey.

THE STORY OF THE CAMBRIDGE BRANCH

★ The Church in Cambridge had a difficult beginning. For years, before 1935, there were no actual members, just Mrs. Pont, who though not baptized, had a testimony of the Gospel. She was alone in her conviction, but waited, hoped and prayed.

In 1935 Sister Reed joined the Church while living in Lowestoft. She later moved to Cambridge where there was no organized branch. The missionaries had found Cambridge unfruitful soil, where intellectuals scorned; and Christians closed their doors in their faces.

In 1958 a small group of Saints congregated in Cambridge to form a branch. They met in St. John's Ambulance Hall, a small, unpretentious room. But, the seed, once planted, grew and the Branch increased in size, spirituality and strength. Eventually they moved to a larger school building and Sister Pont and Sister Reed were drawn into the group. Their long years of waiting were over.

Progress did not run smoothly altoge-

ther. Some people would join the Church and then lose their testimonies and drop away. Hard core English members were few. The main strength of the Branch came from American Saints either visiting or working in Cambridge or from the numerous USAF bases surrounding the area. 'America the Beautiful' has always been sung with particular vigor in Cambridge.

Now, a beautiful L.D.S. chapel stands on Cambridge soil. The pillars supporting God's house in Cambridge are still strongly American but now the British accent is increasingly to be heard almost with as much prominence as Uncle Sam's English.

The Cambridge L.D.S. Church in 1968, presents a picture of optimism and opportunity as well as some frustration. Stable English leadership is still desperately needed, for the American Saints are a mobile breed. Our future depends on our faith coupled with hard work, leaving the rest in the hands of Him in whom these things are best entrusted.

BURY ST. EDMONDS RELIEF SOCIETY HISTORY

Margaret J. Goodchild, Relief Society President

★ Bury St. Edmunds is a very old town in the county of Suffolk. There are Abbey ruins in the town centre and many ancient buildings, and strong connections with the Magna Carta. Bury St. Edmunds Branch came into being in 1961 and the Relief Society was organised in the same year. At first, we were part of the Norwich District, Central British Mission, but later became part of the Ipswich District, British Mission.

At the end of 1961 there were nine Relief Society members. Six of them were Americans from nearby bases and three English sisters. When the Branch was disbanded in 1965 and membership at Bury St. Edmunds transferred to the new chapel at Cambridge, the Relief Society still continued to meet at the nearby U.S. Air Force base at Lakenheath. In 1967 a decision was made to regroup into two Relief Society branches, one at the Air Force Base at Lakenheath largely made up of American Service wives, and one in Bury St. Edmunds itself, consisting of nearly all English sisters living in and from around the town.

The Branch in Bury S. Edmunds has now reformed again, first with a Sunday School, and later Sacrament meetings. Most recently Primary was added. We are now a fully organised Branch once more.

I thank my Heavenly Father for Joseph Smith and all the Church presidents and prophets including our present Seer and Revelator, David O. McKay. I know that I am a member of the true Church of Jesus Christ. This is my testimony.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

Julia T. West, Colchester Branch

★ One of Grandmother's favourite sayings was "Where there's a will there's a way." So many times these words of wisdom come back to me, particularly as I endeavour to live the Gospel principles. How many times do we excuse ourselves for not having family prayer by saying "It's impossible to get all the family members together at one time?" A way could be found by getting up fifteen minutes earlier each morning, or by gathering the family together in prayer before or after a particular meal. The blessings of family prayer are many and far-reaching. The mere fact that all members of a family can kneel down together while one member expresses the wishes of himself and the rest of the group is a

wonderful thing and brings unity and strength of purpose.

Family Home Evening gives families the opportunity of being together one evening each week to discuss the Gospel and everyday living. This increases understanding and love, priceless blessings in this day and age when so many families consist of a group of strangers living under the same roof. Yet, how often we deprive ourselves of these blessings because a little effort is required and excuse ourselves by saying "There is no way?" It is our will that is weak.

How many times do we utter the words "There just aren't enough hours in each day to enable me to accomplish all the things I want to do," when a little planning and organisation would solve most of our problems?

Determination should be the key word throughout each day of our lives.

D for diligence
E for effort
T for tenacity
E for that extra smile
R for reliability
M for meticulousness
I for idealism
N for nobility of character
A for abilities (We all have them!)
T for teachability
I for improvement (Daily)
O for opportunities
N for neighbourliness (and great charm)

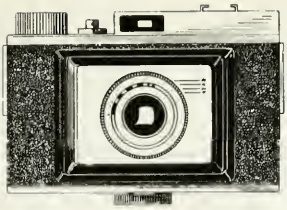
Grandmother spoke with wisdom! If we truly have the will we are sure to find the way.

Song sung at Norwich District Conference by quartette consisting of Olga Duffin, Patricia Neal, Pamela Johnson, Elsie Martin with the composer of the words, Sister Marion Warren at the piano.

Words were written to the song "We are Sowing".

We are teaching, ever teaching,
Taking messages of love
To our sisters who are listed
In the records kept above.
Prayerful hearts are so essential
When we start this work to do,
But they must be full of love and
Full of understanding, too.

Messages of peace and comfort,
Joy and inspiration, too,
It's a privilege to take them —
Such inspiring work to do.
Our example is our Saviour —
His commandment we fulfill,
So, with love that never faileth,
What we can do, Lord, we will.



British Mission

'SNAP' Into 'STAR'

Photography Contest

★ In order to provide a further outlet for the talents of our members, the directors of Deseret Enterprises Ltd., have agreed to sponsor yet another competition in our present series, this time on photography

Rules for the competition are as follows:-

1. The contest is open to all Latter-day Saints.
2. Only one photograph may be submitted in each of the 3 divisions.
3. The photographs must be in black and white and printed on a glossy **not** matt surfaced photographic material suitable for reproduction in this magazine. Size Whole plate or Half plate.
4. The name, address, together with the name of the branch or ward of the contestant should be typed or written on a small label and stuck lightly on the reverse side of each photograph submitted. (Not written on the back of the entry).
5. Each entry should also have another small label affixed giving the title of the entry and where possible the photographic data e.g. film used, shutter speeds, exposure etc.
6. Every entry must of course be the competitors original work and is only accepted on the understanding that this is so, that the entry has never been published, and will not be offered for publication until after the results have been published in this magazine.
7. All entries must be received by November 30th. 1968, which is the closing date.
8. The judges will be appointed by the board of Deseret Enterprises Ltd., and the decision of the judges will be final.
9. One first place prize will be awarded in each of the three divisions together with special certificates of merit for first, second and third place winners.
10. The Millennial Star reserve the right to publish from time to time any of the photographs entered for this contest. All entries will become the property of the Millennial Star and will not be returned.

Division 1: Land or seascapes
Division 2: Still life compositions.
Division 3: Dramatic effect.

Competition sizes: Whole Plate (8½" x 6½") Half Plate (6½" x 4¾")

★ Please protect your entry by putting it in an envelope reinforced with a piece of cardboard, and marking on the outside PLEASE DO NOT BEND.

20,000 Leaders Retold Role In Leading Youth

General executives of MIA, from left, Supt. G. Carlos Smith, Marvin J. Ashton, first assistant and George R. Hill, second assistant; Margaret R. Jackson, first counselor; Pres. Florence S. Jacobsen and Dorothy P. Holt, second counselor.

Three Receive MIA Awards

★ Three special awards were presented during the MIA June Conference:

President Joseph Fielding Smith, counselor in the First Presidency, received a special plaque and certificate at the concluding session of the Boy Scout Department for over 50 years of faithful service to the boys of the Church. President N. Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency made the presentation.

Honorary Master M-Man and Golden Gleaner awards were presented at the Master M-Men and Golden Gleaner banquet. Recipients were Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg who received the Honorary Master M-Man award from Alma A. Gardner, chairman of the M-Men Committee and Gen. Pres. Belle S. Spafford of the Relief Society. She received her pin and certificate from Leta C. Pugh, chairman of the Golden Gleaner Committee.

★ The new theme presented at the MIA June Conference to guide the auxiliary and its 600,000 young people through 1968-69 is taken from the Book of Mormon, 11 Nephi 10:23:

"Therefore, cheer up your hearts, and remember that ye are free to act for yourselves—to choose the way of everlasting death or the way of eternal life."

President N. Eldon Tanner, right, of First Presidency presents special trophy to President Joseph Fielding Smith, counselor in the First Presidency, for more than 50 years of faithful service to the boys of the Church.

First Presidency Counsel MIA Officers, Teachers

★ Leaders of youth in the Mutual Improvement Association should not only consider their calling "a duty,. but a priceless privilege, carrying with it tremmendous responsibilities, and promising untold rewards."

President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency, addressing the closing general session of the MIA June Conference in the historic Salt Lake Tabernacle, advised that it is necessary for the leaders "to throw out the lifeline to the young people of the Church; but let us not lose hold of the lifeline ourselves, else it will not do them much good.

"Let us be an anchor to which they may cling. I hope that the Lord will bless us to go forward in this great work in such a manner as to inspire all whose lives we touch."

President Brown observed that evils cannot be eliminated, leaders can and must engage them in battle.

"We propose to continue in that battle, to uphold the standards of the Church wherever we may go."

Speaking in military language, he said, that with many MIA officers and members in uniform far away from home it is up to those still at home to keep in touch with them and to encourage them to remember who they are and act accordingly.

President Brown said the best officer in any army is one who inspects himself first and he then suggested.

"Let each of us do just that . . . Return to your homes with a song in your heart a prayer on your lips, with a lantern in your hand and carry to them the inspiration of this great convention; help them to do what a number of the speakers have urged, help them to carry on; be sure that each contact you make with any of them will lift and inspire them to greater effort."

Bearing his witness to the divinity of the Master and the actuality of His interest in the Church, President Brown emphatically declared:

"He it is who is the leader of the Church, the head of the Church, and President David O. McKay, his special representative on earth, is the first to say, I am not the leader of the Church. I am the agent or servant of the leader who is Jesus the Christ."

President Brown urged leaders to make sure the young people of the Church who come into positions of leadership have proper direction from us, as we keep contact with the head of the Church through His prophet, to be able to provide that leadership which will inspire followship and fellowship."

He closed reminding that every man, every woman called to serve in any capacity in the Church is honoured by that call and it doesn't matter much what the call may be. "WHAT MATTERS IS HOW DO WE DISCHARGE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES."

PRESIDENT TANNER

★ While the 600,000 youth in the MIA are a minority group in the world of more than 3 million people, yet in these days of rioting, violence and disrespect,

MIA Conference

MIA youth leaders were greeted in a huge reception amid the gold and green flags of the auxiliary prior to opening of the annual conference on Temple Square.

these 600,000 young people are "a very important minority and you as their leaders are Very Important People.

You are the ones who can keep them interested, keep them active, teach them truth, help them develop their talents, and encourage them to be doers of good works."

Praising youth and leaders in the great MIA auxiliaries, President N. Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency, declared the Mutual Improvement Association to be the most outstanding youth organization because it was organised by a prophet of God and is directed today by a prophet of God for the youth of Zion.

He asked, "but what of those we are missing? All 600,000 are not being involved, not being influenced."

President Tanner made a plea, with the beginning of the new MIA year September 1, that each ward activate 10 of its inactive youth which would swell the active roll by some 45,000 young men and women.

He warned severely that because of the heritage of religious freedom enjoyed we must "maintain at all cost, the right choice, the right to worship God as we choose."

He told the leaders they cannot have a greater calling than to be privileged to work with our splendid young people who are some of the finest the world has ever known and as the principles of the Gospel are incorporated in the lives of the youth, the young people in the Church should be the finest in all the world.

"It is so important that we strive to understand the problems confronting them," President Tanner counseled, "that we show a spirit of love and understanding that we strive in every way to communicate with them and let them know that we truly love them and are anxious to assist them with solutions to their problems.

"Our problem, then, is," he said, "to help them keep the testimonies they have gained . . . to help them understand they are the spirit children of God and that God lives and is interested in them and stands ready to answer their call."

President Tanner reminded that the programme of the Mutual is to keep the youth close to and active in the Church through the fields of athletics, speech, drama, dancing, roadshows, and other events. All of these programmes are but a means to a very important end —"the building of character and of faith in God. Never let any activity be an end in itself."

"Help those with whom we are working to realize that God, our Heavenly Father, actually is a living person, that He is interested in us and that He hears and answers our prayers."

President Tanner also had a word for those who doubt that God can hear and answer prayers. He said if men on earth can talk thousands of miles in space to the astronauts can anyone doubt that God, the Creator of the world, can communicate with His children if they will but keep in tune?"

He said there is nothing to be ashamed of in the Church . . . there is no controversey, no evil, no perplexity, that could not be solved by adherence to the teachings of Jesus Christ . . . nothing that cannot help to make us better and more useful citizens, better neighbours and loving parents."

President Tanner challenged leaders to deal with boys and girls as individuals who as sons and daughters of God have unlimited potential.

"Let us never underestimate the value of one of the least of these and may we never let them be disappointed in us."

The Parent- Youth presentation in the Tabernacle centered on the communications gap.

PRESIDENT DYER

★ Citing statistics on the dropout situation among students and evil effects of liquor, pills and other drugs, President Alvin R. Dyer, counselor in the First Presidency, declared Mutual leaders must point the way for youth to go forward and meet the challenge to be ready to take the leadership positions as they come.

He noted that while there are many facets to the dropout problem there had been a 22 per cent decrease in the number in the 1965-66 period over the 1964-65 period.

President Dyer observed that "young people are becoming more capable scholastically at an earlier age, and that there is a great spiritual depth of the majority of our youth, of their missionary achievements, temple marriages, (which are on the up), and in many other ways we see the evidences of their spiritual behavior responding to the challenge of this last dispensation."

He also noted youth today supersede their parents in worthwhile endeavor and in spite of them often show the way even to parents.

The youth of Zion, because of revelation, "need not stand in the shadows. as to perceptions of the meaning and purpose of mortal existence. This we abundantly know of. But we also know," declared President Dyer, "that with this understanding of things we, and I refer particularly to our youth, have a great challenge involving responsibility."

He said the epochs of history in this crucial time in the world's history are on the march, but to us, if we are to be secure in our faith, we must recognize as we have done before, the nobility of our birth and place here in mortality and gird, as a chosen people, to meet the challenge that is before us.

"This is a personal challenge, and must be answered with personal, lofty endeavor. The challenge is before the youth of the Church today."

The leaders of youth must help them preserve the nobility of their places in this life, to avoid with all of their strength the carnal attitude of life, to noble concepts, striving always to rule the tendencies of the body that are sordid and will rob them of the sparkle and the virtue of life.

President Dyer said that with the present rate of growth in the Church 14,000 or more new leaders in the Church will be needed this year and since time moves on invariably these must come from the youth of the Church, none of them can afford to be wasted."

He closed saying the wonderful youth must be directed by noble leaders who point the way that the youth will meet the challenge and be ready to take their places in the leadership and the destiny of God's kingdom.

Road Shows, Plays Fine Entertainment

★ Fifteen outstanding roadshows and three new original one-act plays provided relaxation through originality, humor, drama and music for the thousands of MIA leaders and workers at the auxiliary's annual June Conference in Salt Lake City.

The roadshows featured themes from the adventures of Superman to a visit to a strange planet of weird creatures through originality and comedy. The acts came from wards in Utah, California and Missouri.

The one-act plays, to be published in

One of three new plays, "The Reading of the Will" brings together relatives and employes of the late, wealthy Mr. Pennington, all hoping for an inheritance.

the MIA book of plays for use in the new year beginning Sept. 1 included:

"Reading of the Will," by Steve Nielsen, Magna, Utah, directed by Kim Burningham, Bountiful;

"The Busy Signal," written by Gerald Pearson, Provo, Utah and directed by Nathan and Ruth Hale, Glendale, Calif.

"Martyr in Waiting," by Carol Lynn Pearson, Provo, Utah, directed by Mrs. Beverly Booth Rowland, Salt Lake City.

Seminary Coordinator Named For England

★ The Church has appointed a full-time Seminary coordinator for England, according to Dr. Harvey L. Taylor, administrator, Church Schools. The coordinator will initiate the Home Study Seminary Programme in stakes in England where stake presidents have requested the programmes.

The coordinator appointed is John M. Madsen who began teaching Seminary in Salt Lake City in 1963. Later he served as associate director of the Moscow, Idaho Institue and coordinator of early-morning Seminaries in the Moscow area.

Bro. Madsen the past two years has been coordinator of student activities at the Salt Lake Institute of Religion. He holds a bachelor's degree from Washington State University and a master's degree from the BYU.

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Romford Ward Member Named Deseret Enterprises Manager

★ Norman Derrick Hawkes of the Romford Ward, London Stake, has been appointed the new general manger of the Deseret Enterprises Ltd., with offices at Mitcham, Surrey. Appointed by the board of directors, he succeeds Pres. Dougald C. McKeown recently appointed president of the London Temple.

An Elder in the priesthood, Bro. Hawkes filled a mission in the British Mission in World War II during which time he managed the Millennial Star and the book store. Presently he is Sunday School chorister and a teacher. Earlier he served in the Sunday School superintendency, as Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association superintendent, and district and branch clerk in the North London Branch and Ward. He was serving in the branch presidency when called on his mission.

He married Maureen Gorf, a convert, and they have one son, Timothy, six.

Bro. Hawkes taught himself to play the piano. He likes to work around the house doing odd jobs. He brings to his new position 30 years of experience in the export business which should be of inestimable value at Deseret Enterprises. He was shipping manager at his last firm. His knowledge of French, German and Spanish languages should also be of great value to him in his new assignment.

Contributions of his time and talent to the community came four years as a Conservative party member of the Islington Borough Council and nearly four years as a member of the Library Committee co-opted.

His brother Stephen J. Hawkes was a professor at the BYU in Provo, Utah, last year and is now residing in Oregon. He has one other brother and a sister. His mother, the late Maud A. Hawkes, was a member of the Relief Society board.

A student of the Book of Mormon he particulary receives much encouragement from Alma's writings in the 37th Chapter, verses 35-37:

"O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God.

"Yea, and cry unto God for all thy support, yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and withersoever thou goest let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever.

"Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord that he may watch over you in your sleep; when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day."

Relief Society officers of the British Mission with Pres. and Sister Reed Callister, from left, Sister Callister, D. Bonnett, mission secretary; Sister Fagg, South Kent; Sister Breen, Essex; Pres. Callister; Sister Lee, Mission Relief Soceity president; Sister Seager, Ipswich; Sister Cobbett, North Kent

BRITISH MISSION

★ Some 188 Relief Society sisters and their husbands, of the British Mission, were honoured at a party held in the garden of the Mission home where a musical programme was presented and a buffet supper served.

The sisters were welcomed by the district presidents and the mission board officers.

The programme consisted of piano selections played by David G. Van Alstyne, missionary organist for Hyde Park Chapel, singing with bass, drum, piano and guitar accompaniment by "The Young Elders," the popular group of five missionaries who have recently performed many times throughout the mission with their "Swing into Spring" and "Swing into Summer," programmes. The Chelmsford choir under the direction of Douglas Watling entertained.

A buffet supper followed and later the group went to the chapel to hear the BYU A cappella choir perform.

Arrangements for the evening were under the direction of Vera M. Lee, president and Doris Bonnet, of the mission board.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ When Kingston-on-Thames M.I.A. Superintendency planned a dinner, it started in a small way just for the M.I.A. Then the branch members heard about it and so they had to plan on a larger scale. Before long the Crawley

Kingston-on-Thames Branch enjoy dinner-dance at Epsom Ward, London Stake.

District had been invited as well and then they really had a job on their hands. As they have no chapel of their own the first thing they did was to arrange to borrow the Epsom Ward Chapel.

The idea was that everthing would be done by the young people of the Branch and the advertising campaign said "All you have to do is come, eat and dance." As this was to be the first of a series of Dinners, it was to be a really good meal, so that people would want to come again. The menu eventually ran to a full five courses including Turkey and Green Salad, and on the night they served 145 meals. Planning was such that they made exactly the profit they wanted, almost nothing! However, what was not made in money was made in reputation, and people were signing up there and then for the next one in September. That is when they will start making money for their funds according to Geoff Freeman, the Supt. and John Hateley his assistant.

★ High Wycombe M.I.A. held a most successful Summer Camp on the 1st/2nd/3rd June at the Forestry Commission Camp in the New Forest some 8 miles South of Lyndhurst. 36 members spent 3 days under canvas, and they were blessed with fine weather which held until 2 hours after camp was struck. During the holiday a full testimony meeting was held in a glade in the heart of the forest, which proved a moving and spiritual experience for all concerned.

Another recent event which stimulated M.I.A. interest, was a Creative Art Exhibition, it was hotly contested in every division. The Premier Award was won by William Fildew, who was recently baptised into the Church with all his family, his pencil line drawings showed an enormous talent.

The High Wycombe Relief Society held a luncheon at the "Chop House" Beaconsfield, to mark the closing of the winter session. Fourteen sisters were able to attend as Sisters Harper and Rickers volunteered to look after the needs of their young children.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ It was a case of "Daddy's taking us to the Zoo TO-DAY" for most of the children of the Middlesbrough Sunday School on June 1st. "Daddy" being Colin Hardy, the Sunday School Supt. who had been responsible for most of the organisation behind the trip to Flamingo Park Zoo, Yorkshire. About 40 saints, including 16 childen made the trip, and no one was lost, hurt or displeased, but almost everyone was sun-burnt.

The same Ward's "Book of Mormon" Sunday School class organised a sponsored hike recently to raise money for Byron Purvis, a missionary from the South Shields Ward serving in Finland. They walked sixteen miles and have so far collected £2 from their spousors. A film show held by David Johns for the same fund raised 30/-, and other money raising projects are being planned.

MIDDLESBROUGH CHAPEL DEDICATED

★ The custodian had taken a week off from his work, there were brooms, buckets, brushes and cloths in the most unlikely places; the cultural hall floor (which normally shone) gleamed like polished marble; it was forbidden to enter the rest of the gleaming rooms. From behind the locked doors of the chapel came the muted strains of an unfamiliar hymn; from the Relief Society room a sweet duet; every face wore a smile of anticipation. At last it was time for the long awaited dedication of

Middlesbrough Chapel, recently dedicated.

Elder Mark E. Petersen, right, with Sister Petersen and Stake Pres. Frederick W. Oates and Sister Oates outside Middlesbrough Chapel.

the Middlesbrough Chapel.

The dedicatory service was conducted by Bishop H. Marshall on Sunday May 17th; Joyce Storrow was the organist and Helen Marshall the Chorister. Speakers included Olive Burns, who represented her late father, George Burns, who had worked full-time on the chapel, and Delwyn Richardson representing the ward members and tradesmen who had devoted so many hours on the building. The choir sang a special dedicatory prayer which was composed by Marcel Horton for the dedication of her own chapel in the Beaver State, Utah. and Jean Griffiths and Barbara Appleby sang a duet "No man is an Island". Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve, then addressed the congregation, before offering the dedicatory prayer.

The Mormon Church has been known in Middlesbrough for well over fifty years. After meeting in various halls, many of them uncomfortable as well as unsuitable, the branch purchased an old house on Stockton Road, and this was used as a meeting house until the main room became too small to hold the Sacrament meeting attendance and they moved once more into halls, using the house only for auxiliary meetings.

In December 1963, the ground was broken and the site dedicated for the new chapel by Stake President Frederick W. Oates, and construction began the following March. Two building supervisors have directed the work, Craig Watson, and Brother Despain, and several church builders have completed their missions on it. The chapel was finished early in March 1967.

A few weeks after it was opened Alex Stewart, one of the building missionaries who worked on the project, was married to Frances Henwood, a local member.

★ Sister Cheek of Newton Aycliffe Ward recently won a silver trophy for entering the best knitting in a competition organised by the Handicapped People's Association in the Durham Area. This makes Sister Cheek "The Champion", and the Relief Society are seeing to it that she gets plenty of practice so that she can defend her title next year.

Sister Cheek with her trophy naming her champion knitter.

Her son-in-law, Brother Cullen has also won trophies and cups with his prize Border Canaries. At Bishop Auckland show he won the highest awards possible—The best Border Canary, The Best Champion Border Canary and the Best Canary in the show. Two weeks later he entered the Willington Show and won the same three top awards there. He is now busy looking after his baby canaries which he hopes will turn out to be future champions.

★ At last a building in Peterlee! The saints there are now quite sure that they are having their own chapel because they have actually started building. They have been so disappointed in the past that they had begun to think their building would never be started. However with the arrival of Building Supervisor Desmond Gorman, things really started happening fast. On April 6th a small ground breaking ceremony took place, and the following Monday they started to dig; by the end of June they have completed the roof structure and walls. The members intend to keep up the good work until it is finished.

IRISH MISSION

★May and June have been especially busy months in the Irish Mission with many interesting activities going on.

Brother Cullen with his prize winning canaries.

Cast of "Let It Rain" presented by Belfast District youth.

The Priesthood members of the Belfast District celebrated the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood by holding a Father's and Son's Banquet on May 17th. followed by a full day's outing at Tullamore Forest Park on the 18th. The banquet was prepared and served by the Rosetta Branch Relief Society Sisters at Holywood Road Church. Buses were chartered for the excursion to Tullamore, and a really beautiful day added to the pleasure of those participating. Both the events were well attended and enjoyed by all.

★ On May 31st the Musical Programme, "Let it Rain" was presented by the Youth of the Belfast District to start off the three day Youth Conference. The musical was enthusiastically received by a large and appreciative audience. At the close of the production a rousing "Hootenanny" was enjoyed. On the Saturday, sports began at 2 p.m. both

Mount Pottinger Branch, Girls netball winners at Irish Youth Conference.

Bangor Branch, Girls netball runner-up team in Irish Mission.

indoors and outdoor for two hours, and at 4 p.m. the consolation play-off of girl's netball was played. 5.30 p.m. found over 100 youngsters boarding chartered buses and vans for a trip to the beach, where games, and food had been organised. The bus-loads of singing youngsters pulled up to the Holywood Church at 8.30 p.m. to witness the championship game of netball between Mount Pottinger and Bangor. The Cultural hall was packed with interested spectators each cheering for their favourite team.

Priesthood members had a special Priesthood session on the Sunday morning to hear words of counsel from Elder Mark E. Petersen. A special Girl's Programme was held at noon at which Sister Petersen, Lucretia P. Ashcroft, wife of the Mission President, and Pat Bell, first counsellor of the M.I.A. gave counsel to the girls and mothers of the Irish Mission.

During the afternoon a regular session of Quarterly Conference was held and at 7.30 p.m. a Fireside and Testimony meeting concluded the three wonderful days of activity and learning.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ Dan Jared Coleman was born April 2nd 1968 at Harrogate Yorkshire. This joyful event has little significance unless you know that Dan is the 6th son and the tenth child of Avery and Barbara Coleman. The Coleman Family have been in England for two years on a tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Harrogate during that time they have been active member of the Harrogate Branch. Brother Coleman has served in the Branch Presidency since Sept. 1966, and as Branch President from Sept. 1967 until April 1968. Sister Coleman was in the Relief Society Presidency and a Primary teacher. Their eldest

Bro. and Sister Dan Jared Coleman with their children, from left, back, Mark, Sister Coleman, Gary, Bro. Coleman, Linda; front, Laurie, Bruce Ellen, Keith, Paul and Gail, with newest member shown below.

daughter Linda who is 15 years old was the Branch pianist, while Mark, 14, and Gary, 13, have faithfully attended their priesthood duties. The younger children have made a substantial contribution to the Primary and Sunday School by regular attendance.

The Colemans will return to Annapolis Ward, Washington Stake sometime in August, very pleased with their little "Bundle from Britain".

★ On May 7th, ex Branch President of Scarborough, Eddie Hedley, his wife Eva and their children: Leslie, Nicholas and baby David, adopted daughter Elizabeth together with Angela Fell, , embarked on a sea voyage to Canada. The Hedleys are bound for Ottawa, and Angela to her uncle at Norwich, Ontario. There have been changes in the Branch Presidency at both Beverley and Harrogate Branches recently. Geoffrey Dunning is now Branch President at Beverley, with David Fenwick as 1st counsellor. While Christopher Walker has been called to succeed Avery Coleman in the Harrogate Branch, Leslie Carr and Ronald Wine are his counsellors.

Dan Coleman, number ten of the Coleman family.

Hedley Family and Angela Fell prior to emigrating to Canada.

★ On May 21st Beverley Branch held their own Creative Arts Exhibition to decide who would represent them at the District Exhibition. Myra Kennington, who submitted a dress, was chosen for the sewing group while Joan Thistleton came first in the knitting section with a baby coat. A hobby horse won for Suzette Dunning the toy section, and another baby coat, crochet this time, brought success for Emma Harper.

★ A group of 13 Priesthood from West Hull set off on Friday May 31st for a weekend camp on the moors near Whitby. It was a glorious weekend with sunshine nearly all the time. Bro. Spurr acted as camp cook in place of Bro. Dobson who was unfortunately in hospital. Saturday was spent in a hike to Robin Hood's Bay, taking a packed lunch. The tide was out so the boys had fun on the rocks and in the rock pools. They encountered some rather rough going in boggy land on the way back, all made it safely back to camp but they were very late for tea. On Sunday a Priesthood meeting was held and Paul Knott gave a lesson on "Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy". A Sacrament Service took place in the evening with three of the campers giving talks. The camp was a great success and it is hoped that it can be repeated later in the summer.

★ 35 Members of East and West Hull Aaronic Priesthood celebrated the start of the Aaronic Priesthood Weekend on May 17th, with a banquet in the East Hull Chapel, followed by games organised by Bro. Dobson. The following day the District Aaronic held a rally at Scarborough; it was a fine day, and the party set off to climb Olivers' Mount. They scrambled up the grassy slopes and ate lunch at the top. After a game of football the party then transferred to the beach for more games and sunbathing. then back to the Chapel for tea prepared by the Scarborough ladies.

★ The Liverpool Branch received a brief visit from an old friend in May, when Ronald Clements called in from Australia! He was a very young boy when he emigrated with his family some ten years ago. He has returned on a business trip, and made time to visit the new chapel and shake hands with everyone who remembered his family.

★ The Brethren of the Liverpool District decided to call an overnight Camp-out for fathers and sons as their means of commemorating the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood. They went to the Middlewich Scout Camp and were inspired by the spontaneous testimonies around the camp fire. Afterwards they enjoyed supper which included potatoes baked in foil in the hot embers. The following day's programme included games and a hike and then picture shows.

★ Jean Gordon of the Accrington Branch is leaving her post of assistant in Accrington Library to become an au pair girl in Switzerland. She will leave shortly for Geneva, where there is a

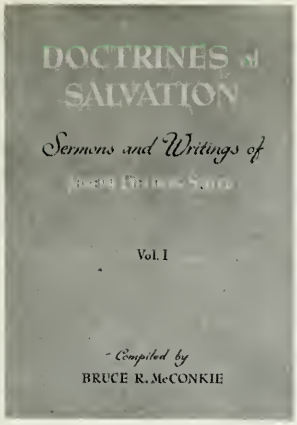
Presidents Hoare, Watson, Edwards and Hender, Liverpool District, with members of the Aaronic Priesthood at the start of an overnight hike and camp.

Jean Gordon, Accrington Branch.

small branch of approximately 100 active members. Jean is 19 years old and has been a member of the church for 7 months, but already she has held the position of 2nd counsellor in the YWMIA, and Sunday School Secretary.

★ Elders of the Preston District together with their wives and girl friends attended the Quorum Ball at Rawtenstall Chapel and danced to the music of the New Embassy Trio. An excellent

Tom Holden and Miss Pat Greenwood give a dancing exhibition at Preston Elders Quorum ball.



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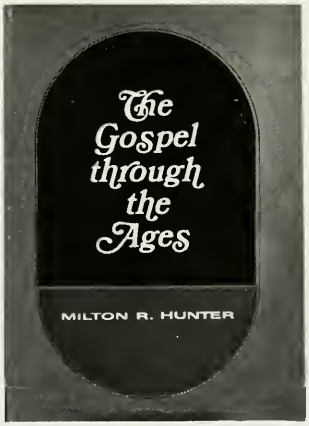

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buffet was provided by Lard's of Whitworth. During the interval they were entertained by an exhibition of modern and ballroom dancing by Mr. Tom Holden, a former European amateur champion, and his partner Pat Greenwood.

★ A second function organised by the Preston District Elders Quorum was of a more spiritual nature and was a trip to the Temple. 49 people made the journey and completed a total of 145 endowments, 140 baptisms and 2 sealings.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION
HELLO, GOODBYE!

★ Brothers Michael and Darrell Knowles of Ogden, Utah, shared the unique experience of crossing paths in the mission field at Birmingham.

Elder Michael Knowles had completed his two years in the Central British Mission and was preparing to fly home on the day that his brother Darrell arrived in the same mission. They were together for a day and were able to renew their family love and exchange notes before Michael flew home and Darrell went out to preach the gospel.

Michael was not only instrumental in bringing many people into the Church, but also sang in the mission's vocal group the "New Mission-Aires". Darrel has been an active member of the Ogden 18th Ward and has long wanted to go on a mission. He, like his brother, has a keen interest in music and plays the trombone.

They are the sons of Mrs. Kenneth Knowles of 2823, Monroe Boulevard, Ogden, and have two older brothers who have served on missions, their sister Eleanor, is serving on the YWMIA General Board and is an associate editor for the Improvement Era.

Michael and Darrell Knowles say "Hello" and "Goodbye" at the Central British Mission home.

★ Necessity is the mother of invention, and two trees served as posts for the volley ball net when the Stourbridge M.I.A. met at the Mary Stevens Park for an Athletic evening. The sisters played the brethren and not surprisingly they lost, but they did manage to score a few goals in the game of football that followed.

President and Sister Cannon were the guest speakers at their fireside on June 2nd. Forty saints listened intently while President Cannon spoke on the Missionary programme and urged everyone to follow President McKay's exhortation that every member be a missionary. Sister Cannon then spoke on the Priesthood, and the blessings that the wives and family can share. After the meeting closed refreshments were served by the Stourbridge saints.

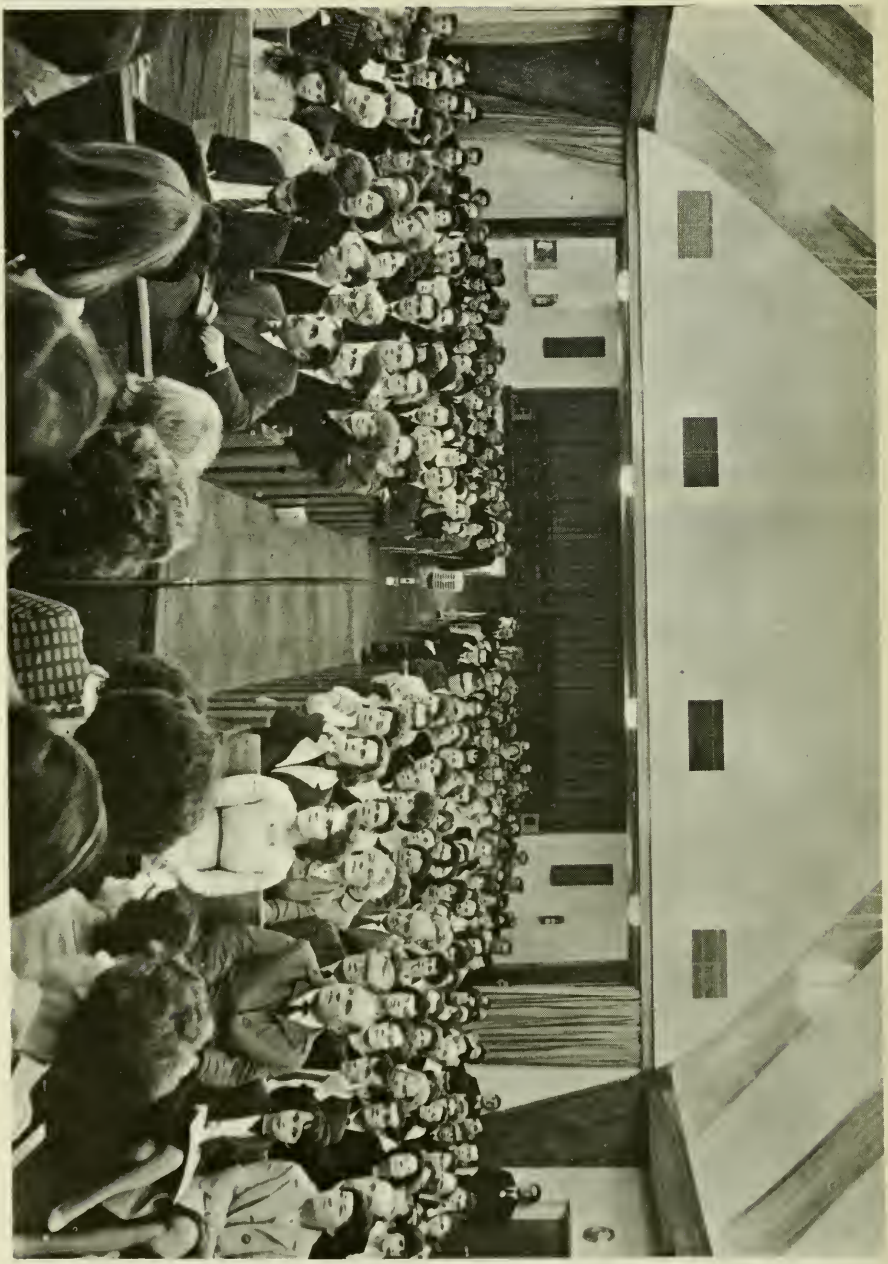
★ Because the normally held Midlands West District M.I.A. Camp was cancelled this year the Hereford M.I.A. held

a branch camp at Breinton Springs, a delightful spot on the banks of the River Wye. Organised by Audrey Prosser and Geoffrey Boucher several members availed themselves of the facilities and enjoyed a weekend of swimming and other sporting activities. President and Sister Dawe visited the camp on the Sunday evening to join the Sacrament meeting. Other very welcome vistors were Brother and Sister Rich, now stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army. Brother Rich served part of his mission in the Hereford area.

★ A gathering of over 80 family members welcomed Alice Green, who was visiting Hereford for the first time since emigrating to Salt Lake, 64 years ago. With Sister Green were her son Walwyn, and his wife and daughter, who were making their first visit to England. At the family reunion, the Relief Society sisters assisted in the preparation of the refreshments and also looked after the welfare of the family members.

★ Over the Whitsun holiday period another former missionary Elder Ackerman called into the Hereford branch to introduce his bride to the people he had known on his mission. They were on a three weeks honeymoon tour of the British Isles, after being married at the

Elder Petersen addressing congregation at Leicester Stake Centre dedication.



Interior scene at dedication of the Leicester Stake Centre when more than 500 persons were present.

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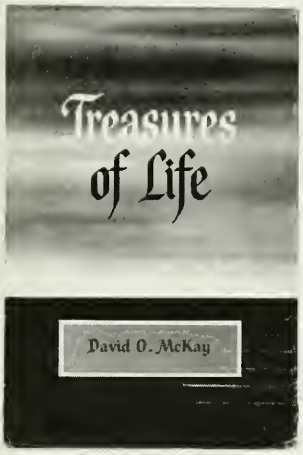

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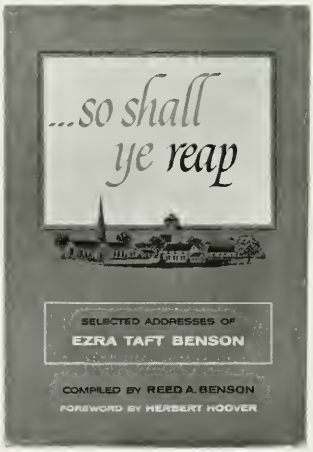

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London Temple on June 1st.

★ The first Gold and Green Ball at the new Worcester Chapel was an outstanding success. Dancing was to the music of the Terry Phillips Four, who satisfied young and old with their wide repertoire. Dave Passey was a very versatile M.C. and his repartee with the band was an entertainment in itself. Cabaret was provided by the "Trio"—Mary, Lorraine and Vivienne. Refreshments were in the capable hands of Sister Hale sr. who was ably assisted by sisters from Stourbridge and Hereford.

★ On Sunday June 23rd, preparatoy to emigrating to the United States, Anthony Gordon Dawe was released from the calling of the Hereford Branch President, a position which he has held for almost 4 years. He is going to the Brigham Young University as a student; his wife Elizabeth and their two children will accompany him.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ On May 23rd, Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve, was in Leicester to dedicate the Stake Centre there. His address and dedicatory prayer were the climax to a fine programme conducted by Stake President K. J. Poole, which included talks from the Stake Presidency, Fredrick Curtis, representing the Church Building Committee, President George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission, and James Martin who spoke on behalf of all the building missionaries who worked on the chapel.

Over 500 members and friends attended, and the press were represented. Jean Taverner gave a solo rendering of "Bless this House", and the Leicester Ward Choir with Stephen Dean as soloist, sang the well loved hymn. "Before thee Lord".

The dedication was preceded by an informal meeting of nearly 90 Aaronic Priesthood Adult members and their wives with Elder and Sister Petersen, both of whom spoke. The meeting was arranged and conducted by President James F. Rankin 2nd counsellor in the Stake Presidency.

LONDON STAKE

★ Mr John Harrison of Sadlers Wells was one of the instructors at the Stake M.I.A. Roadshow workshop. He showed how many wards fail to make full use of the equipment and facilities in the new chaples. Other instructors included Georgina Smith and Pauline Doggett who demonstrated the right and wrong way to apply stage make-up. Miss Ursula Nicholl, a professional instructor spoke on drama as a creative art, and Sister Gladys Noyce gave hints for planning, writing and producing a roadshow. The workshop was organised by the Stake Drama Director, James Corless, and 31 M.I.A. leaders were able to attend.

The 7th Annual Stake Dance Festival was held on May 25th at the Hyde Park Chapel. Mr. Dennis Hart-Wilson, a professional dance instructor, once again acted as judge, as he has every year since the festival began. He has also given freely of his time to instruct members of the stake in dancing.

Competitions were held in waltz, quickstep, jive and cha-cha-cha, and certificates were presented to the couples rated Excellent in these dances. Five Wards performed group dances, which included two excellent ballroom formation dances, a brilliantly costumed Serbian dance and two other folk dances. Approx 100 people took part in the festival, which was organised by Fawn

London Stake MIA leaders gathered at South London Chapel for a Leadership Weekend.

Bartholomew, Activity counsellor in the Stake Y.W.M.I.A.

★ A third Stake Leadership weekend was held on June 14/15th at the South London Chapel, where the ward members acted as hosts and the Relief Society provided excellent meals under the direction of their President, Patricia Watson.

The emphasis of the weekend was on the Sports and Camping programme, and training was given in minor games, volleyball, basketball, football, keepfit and Campcraft. Other subjects were included, folk dancing on the Friday night, leadership improvement and impromptu drama on the Saturday evening.

On Sunday the young ladies enjoyed their own special meeting while the brethren were in Priesthood. Fawn Batholomew, organised and conducted this meeting and the speakers were Janet Hardaker of Croydon, Candy Costello of North London and special guest Margaret Hamstead, wife of the stake president. After Sunday School a testimony meeting was held and many fervent testimonies borne. An M.I.A. discussion took place in the afternoon and the weekend concluded with a special Sacrament meeting under the direction of the South London Ward Bishopric. During this meeting a Golden Gleaner award was presented to Jacqueline Hartley-Davies who has recently returned from serving in the Canadian Mission.

Members of the Stake M.I.A. Board provided all the instruction, except for sports, this was given by David Cook of North London Ward, who is a school sports instructor.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ A Relief Society Social was held in the Bolton Branch on May 28th, it began with a meal for the sisters and later in the evening they were joined by the brethren. The work of past Relief Society presidents was recognised by presenting them with small gifts, Sister V. Smith received a miniature oil painting and Sister G. Sumner, a piece of Wedgewood pottery. During the remainder of the evening they played games and heard some interesting tape recordings of children, then watched some slides of Relief Society conference in Salt Lake which were shown by Bro. V. Harrison.

★ On May 30th the Relief Society of the Carlisle Branch arranged an outing to Langholm in Scotland. They had a conducted tour of the "Glenesh" Mill of Reid Taylor, and saw the yarn in all its different stages being woven into lovely cloth; it was a most interesting experience. Afterwards they had high tea at Bro. Welsh's parents cafe in Langholm.

Temple Schedule

AUGUST

3—Br. South, N. British
10—Closed
17—Closed
24—Closed
31—Sunderland, London, British, Leicester

SEPTEMBER

7—Br. South, N. British
14— British, C. Brit.
21—Leicester, S.W.B., Scotland, Glasgow
8—London, Leeds

It was the design of the councils of heaven before the world was, that the principles and laws of the priesthood should be predicated upon the gathering of the people in every age of the world. Jesus did everything to gather the people, and they would not be gathered, and He therefore poured out curses upon them. Ordinances instituted in the heavens before the foundation of the world, in the priesthood, for the salvation of men, are not to be altered or changed. All must be saved on the same principles.

—Joseph Smith